

SHIPS Enough on Hand, But United Fruit Bars Use of Its Fleet for America's War Needs

By JOHN MELDON

We're at war—BUT...

The United Fruit Company—operator of one of the biggest ship fleets in the world—seems to pursue a charmed existence in being permitted to use its ships for "business as usual" trade.

The United Fruit Company operates some 50 fast merchant ships, principally for shipment of bananas from the so-called "banana republics" of

Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia.

At one of the most critical moments in world's history—a moment when every available cargo space is desperately needed for transporting war materials and troops to the world-wide battle lines against Hitlerism—the United Fruit continues to ship bananas.

It is these 58-odd ships—and other vessels still tied up in non-essential commercial shipments—

which constitute the fleet that would give us enough ships to send an army overseas to open a Second Front.

Officials of this giant fruit monopoly are apparently unperturbed over the fact that they occupy a celestial-like and hitherto untouchable place in our nation's war effort.

And they let the lads of the U. S. State Department do any "explaining" that needs to be done.

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Supreme Moment at Hand, Open 2nd Front, Seamen Urge FDR RED ARMY CLOSING IN ON KHARKOV

From the four corners of America, from Central and South America and from our British allies literally hundreds of telegrams, cables and letters poured into New York yesterday expressing joy and gratitude for the freeing of Earl Browder, and expressions of belief that his freedom will result in welding the greatest unity behind America's war effort. On this page and on page five the Daily Worker publishes a few of the most representative of these messages.

Scores of Telegrams Hail Browder Release

Seamen Wire FDR: People Salute You

The reaction of the national officers of the National Maritime Union and employees of the union's New York office to the freeing of Earl Browder was typical of the reception given the news by scores of unions. On page five we publish the individual greetings of many other unions.

"Welcome to the champion of the American people!" said the National Office of the National Maritime Union, CIO, in an enthusiastic telegram to Earl Browder at Atlanta after getting the good news of his release.

And to President Roosevelt the union wire:

"The freedom-loving peoples of the world salute you."

The wires, signed by "The National Office of the National Maritime Union, F. C. Smith, Secretary," express the feelings of President Joseph Curran and other NMU officers and the thousands of seamen who have urged Browder's release in telegrams from 104 ships' crews and resolutions from every organized port on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

HAD URGED FREEDOM

Many of the seamen who asked Browder's release as an anti-fascist have since given their lives to the anti-fascist fight.

The message to Browder follows: "Welcome to the champion of the American people! The anti-

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Further National Unity—Dreiser

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—Theodore Dreiser, the great novelist, said today that the freeing of Browder would give the greatest impetus to national unity for "such a united nation the victory over Hitlerism is certain."

Dreiser stated:

"The President is to be congratulated on having released Mr. Browder who obviously had been given an excessively severe sentence for a purely technical violation of the passport law."

"Now that Mr. Browder is free he will doubtless use his every effort to mobilize large sections of the people behind the President's war efforts. With a united nation the victory over Hitlerism is certain."

Aids Fight Against Axis, Says Toledano

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, May 18.—Browder's liberty is an important contribution to the popular struggle against the Axis powers and will make national unity in the United States more powerful and more active, Lombardo Toledano, outstanding Mexican and Latin American trade union leader, declared today to the Daily Worker.

The first brief news reaching here spread like wildfire by telephone causing jubilation wherever it was heard.

In the offices of the Communist Party wild excitement developed, people stopped work, shouted, danced, embraced each other.

TOLEDANO WIRES

"I send most heartfelt greetings and congratulations to Earl Browder, the Communist Party of the United States, and to the people of the United States," Lombardo Toledano declared when reached at home by phone.

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Supreme Moment to Attack, Say CIO Seamen

(The text of the National Maritime Union's letter appears on page 4.)

"A second front on the continent of Europe, looking Hitler in the jaws of a two-front war—this is the path to victory."

The NMU members voted to send delegations of union seamen to other trade unions, urging them to make similar appeals for the opening of a new European front to defeat Hitler in 1942.

Meanwhile, the seamen voted to mail hundreds of copies to unions throughout the country.

Some 3,000 seamen at a National Maritime Union membership meeting recently at Manhattan Center adopted this ringing call in an appeal to President Roosevelt, the union announced yesterday.

Declaring that the "supreme moment of the war is at hand" the seamen told the American Commander-in-Chief that "our sweat, our lives, our sacrifices and very future are bound up with the immediate opening of a Second Front."

The seamen pointed out that a second front "would unite and inspire our nation, would raise production and the war effort to undreamed of heights."

Paying tribute to the history-making fighting qualities of the Red Army, the seamen in their letter to President Roosevelt said that only one obstacle stands, at the moment, between Fascism's hordes and civilization.

"Only one barrier stands between us and a dire possibility. This barrier is the valiant Red Army and the Russian people. They are fighting our fight. We must uphold them."

The NMU members wind up their appeal by quoting Tom Paine, great American, who warned in 1776:

"It is not in the power of Europe to conquer America if she can but conquer herself by delay and timidity."

EXTRA AEF with Tanks Lands in Ireland

WITH THE AEF IN NORTHERN IRELAND, Tuesday, May 19 (UP).—Thousands upon thousands of United States troops, equipped with tanks, heavy guns, gun carriers, trucks and "jeeps," have landed at a North Irish port from the largest convoy of the war and already have started their invasion training, it was disclosed today.

The new contingent, including men from the Dakotas, New York and raw-boned mountaineers from Kentucky, was the third to arrive in North Ireland since United States entry into the war and was by far the largest thus far.

There were so many troops and so much equipment it took days to get them hustled ashore and off to camps into the Ulster hinterlands for training in invasion tactics.

The landing was the first visible result of the promise by Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Army Chief of Staff, during a recent visit to Britain that a steady flow of men and supplies would be sent across the ocean to insure "an early victory." It also lent emphasis to Marshall's

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It Is Our Fate, Too!

An Editorial

"The time has come," Sir Stafford Cripps, told the English people the other night, "and is at hand when we must prepare ourselves to take the offensive in the decisive stages of the war."

The British Government, he said, "is as keen and anxious" as the people to open a Second Front against Hitler in Europe.

The time has indeed come.

Hitler knows it.

Just the mere talk of a Second Front has already sent a cold shiver through the Axis.

Yesterday, Mussolini called his fascist chiefs together "because Italian and German news organs have talked an Anglo-American offensive."

Beaverbrook cried out "Attack now!"

Churchill welcomed the people's demand for the Second Front; he said Britain was fully armed, that the RAF could beat the Nazis in the air.

War Production Chief Donald Nelson has told the country that our factories are already producing the armament necessary

for action this year, not later.

On the other side—

Soviet Marshal Timoshenko is smashing forward against our Nazi enemy, wrecking the Axis scheme for a Spring offensive. Our Soviet ally is putting Hitler into position for a knockout this summer—

If Britain and the United States do not allow their armies and munitions to remain idle while the great battle is being fought.

Let there be no mistake. It is the fate of the United States, as well as the Soviet Union, which is being decided in the European battle. Hitler does not have to win a complete victory on the Soviet front for him to confront Britain and America with a smashing attack.

Now is the hour to strike. Every day that passes places us in greater peril; it robs our armies and our munitions of their maximum power.

Every soldier in battle today will save ten later on.

Our Government leaders should speak out as Sir Stafford Cripps has done.

The hour for attack is at hand.

Wipe Out Hundreds Of Nazi Chutists

MOSCOW, May 18 (UP).—Red Army forces are closing a giant nutcracker on Kharkov after wiping out German paratroopers dropped wholesale behind their lines and repulsing massed enemy tanks hauling infantry-laden trailers, front dispatches said tonight.

As Marshal Semenov Timoshenko's offensive rounded out its first week, his army was reported pressing in on Kharkov along a 100-mile arc, storming ahead through scorched fields and burning villages against German defense forces freshly strengthened by the arrival of air and mechanized reserves.

Red Army dispatches conceded a stiffening of German resistance, which appeared to have slowed down the Soviet drive, but said the Soviets still held the initiative everywhere down to the smallest individual sector.

"Every hour fresh reports are coming in from the Kharkov Front of more and more legions recaptured," the Soviet Radio said. "The Germans are sustaining enormous losses."

DOOM NAZI CHUTISTS

For the first time the use of German paratroops—side squadrons whose doom was sealed before they left their planes—was revealed by the newspaper Pravda, which said a number of units ranging around 120 each had floated down on the Kharkov Front.

Many of the paratroops never even hit the ground alive as the Red Army riflemen opened up on them, and those who did were mopped up in short order, Pravda said.

Reports that the Red Army had reached the heart of the German fortifications around Kharkov, a vast network of anti-tank trenches, mine fields, machine gun posts and other strong points, were interpreted by informed sources to mean that the Soviet vanguard was within about 10 miles of the center of the city.

Available information indicated

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'Curly' Brooks, Defeatist On the Leash of Chicago Tribune

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

(This is the third in a series on the leading defeatists in Congress who are running for re-election.)

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Labor leaders in Illinois have been referring to Senator C. Wayland Brooks as the "Charlie McCarthy" of the Chicago Tribune.

That just about sums up Brooks' career in the Senate.

Brooks is the Washington representative of Col. Robert McCormack, publisher of the powerful defeatist Chicago Tribune, which day and night out snipes at the administration, at the war effort, at Great Britain and at the Soviet Union.

As such, he is one of the key defeatists whose reputation in the November elections is essential to the war effort and to national morale.

Unfortunately most of the leading

defeatists in the Senate like Senators Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota and Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina are not up for re-election this year.

RETIRE HIM THIS FALL

By retiring Brooks to private life the people of Illinois can, however, take a crack at the whole defeatist bloc in the Senate, which is solidly behind the Tribune candidate.

Two other Senators running for re-election have been too closely associated with the appeasers in the Senate to permit of any confidence in their future performance. These are Senators Arthur Capper of Kansas and Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado.

Capper, a Kansas Republican, once had pretensions to being something of a progressive. But he is now the favorite Senator of Elmer J. Garner, editor and publisher of

Publicity, a fascist, anti-Semitic sheet which appears in Wichita, Kansas.

Many of Capper's leading speeches are reprinted in full in Publicity.

On April 10 of this year Garner was called before a Grand Jury here for questioning. When Garner got into Washington, his first call was at Capper's office and he visited Capper several times subsequently.

FRIEND OF SEDITIONIST

A Grand Jury in Kansas City indicted Garner and his son for criminal conspiracy and 10 counts of sedition including efforts to prevent recruiting into armed forces. The Department of Justice said that it found "thousands" of seditious utterances in Publicity.

On May 8, Postmaster General Walker ordered the Wichita Post Office to bar Publicity from the mails.

Following these developments, Capper was asked to comment on



The speeches of Sen. Capper, associate of Brooks, were praised by the pro-fascist sheet "Publicity" which was banned from the mails on May 8.

Senator Capper is fearful, he said in a statement this week, that unless Congress acts to help preserve the framework of private business and industry in the nation, the government itself may be the only business left operating when the war ends.

the steps taken by the government against Garner. He said that he had "known Mr. Garner for many years" and that they had been "newspaper friends for 25 or 30 years."

While the Justice Department considered Garner clearly guilty of sedition, Capper confined himself to saying that the Wichita pro-Nazi "seems to be indiscreet in its opinions, too radical in its views."

On April 22, 1940, Father Coughlin's Social Justice paid tribute to

Capper as a man who "shuns politics in favor of sound statesmanship." Capper contributed an article in February, 1941 to Scribner's Commentator, which was for a time one of the leading pro-Nazi publications.

Senator Johnson of Colorado permitted a number of his speeches to be used by the Vireck propaganda machine.

It was revealed at the Vireck

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AFL to Get Citrine's Plan Tomorrow

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Sir Walter Citrine, British labor leader, will present his plan for an alliance between the labor movements of England, the Soviet Union and the United States to the Executive Council of the AFL on Wednesday.

AFL President Green made this announcement at a press conference this evening. Green said that Citrine has been ill for several days, and although now in Washington, is not expected to be in shape to present his plan until Wednesday.

Green reported to the Executive Council on the successful fight against repressive anti-labor legislation. Robert Watt, International APL Representative, reported to the Council on his participation at the International Labor Office Conference in London.

Steel Leaders Ask Immediate Offensive

By George Morris

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 18.—Officers of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, reporting to the union's constitutional convention which opens here tomorrow, urged the 1,700 delegates from locals of 903 steel plants, "not to let anything interfere with the defeat of the Axis powers."

The officers summarized their war policy by incorporating into the report the entire statement adopted by the special CIO conference at Washington on March 23.

"The President of the United States has categorically stated that the United Nations must take the offensive against the Axis powers," declares the statement. "The workers are in complete support of this fundamental policy. We promise the Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy that the herculean efforts of the workers will produce the tanks, airplanes, guns and ships necessary for an immediate offensive against the Axis powers to achieve victory in 1943."

"Our slogan shall be: 'Work, work, work; produce, produce, produce.'"

The central feature of the report to this CIO union with an enrollment of 860,000 members, is on its achievements and tasks to win the war.

The printed report, signed by Philip Murray, chairman of the SWOC; David J. MacDonald, secretary-treasurer, and four regional directors, will be submitted to the convention shortly after it opens. It reviews the drive since 1936 when the great campaign to organize steel began. Shortly afterward the

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Correspondents Say: Axis Morale Falls Lower A Western Front Would Shatter It, Say Newspapermen

All correspondents arriving in Lisbon from Italy and Germany on their way to the United States in an exchange agreement, are unanimous in their reports of lowered civilian morale among the German and Italian masses.

While making it clear that these fascist countries are not on the verge of "internal collapse," all stories which appeared in yesterday's press indicate that a British-American Army on the Western Front could smash this morale to smithereens.

One of the bitterest complaints coming out of the fascist countries is that the ruling classes and fascist officials are waxing rich and fat at the expense of the people. The black market is "widespread and countenanced."

Herbert L. Matthews reporting conditions in Italy said: "Bootlegging is rife to an extraordinary extent, which is an increasing source of class bitterness, for the masses see fascist officials and

other rich men buy food that they sometimes cannot get even with their ration cards."

Offering some representative prices in Italy, Matthews reported that an egg costs 15 cents; a pound of tea, \$30 to \$40; a can of peaches, \$1.80; a bottled pair of shoes, \$35; a suit from \$50 to \$100.

All reporters speak of food shortages, exorbitant prices and gangsterous "black market."

Speaking of Germany Edwin A.

Shanke declared, "... reserves which every household stored have dwindled away. Clothes are threadbare, with no chance of replacement. Store shelves are empty. Rations are becoming summer and summer."

Only Germans with "connections" he reported are capable of "squeezing extra rations out of the storekeeper and exacting special privileges. Illegal traffic in clothing and food rationing cards by petty Nazi officials at

prices as high as 100 marks per card is widespread and countenanced."

Richard G. Mascock reporting on Italy said, "... the Italians are beginning to feel sharply the shortage of food, clothing and fuel. Another winter may begin to take a toll of deaths from cold and hunger."

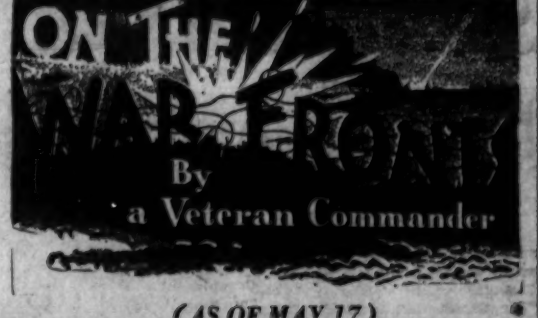
Lowered morale is also due to the high percentage of dead and wounded on the Soviet front.

Edwin A. Shanko just out of

Germany stated, "Mothers, fathers and sweethearts were receiving vivid accounts of the hardships and horrors on the Russian front."

"A great number of commodities are not to be found in Germany," said Alfred J. Strohman, "but they show up in the black market, which thrives despite the death penalty and other drastic efforts at suppression."

"We've lost the war" is the common judgment of the people of Germany, Shanko declared.



Marshal Timoshenko continues to advance, ever widening the scope of his breakthrough before Kharkov. A secondary thrust toward Petropavlovka from Kramatorsk is intended to protect the important advance toward the railroad junction of Lozova. It is quite probable that in case of success the Petropavlovka thrust will sever southwestward with the key junction of Zaporozhsk as its objective. The moment Timoshenko's troops reach the bend of the Dnieper the position of the Germans in the Crimea will become extremely precarious. In analyzing this situation, it is important to remember that the Soviet General Staff has shown great vision and firmness in adopting decisions in countering the Kerch offensive of the Germans NOT on the Kerch Peninsula, but by a widely flanking offensive at Kharkov.

In this connection we note that Major George Fielding Eliot, gives an excellent analysis of the situation in yesterday's Herald Tribune. Once again he proves himself to be a soldier of good judgment. His piece provides a pleasing contrast to Mr. Hanson W. Baldwin's usual balderdash in the Times (of this expert and what the Infantry Journal thinks of him—anon).

The battle of Kerch, although not ended, will probably end in the German favor, inasmuch as they will hold the Peninsula. But the scheme of the Nazis has failed because they wanted to stage a little battle of annihilation, a super-battle act, on a limited and highly sheltered sector, and what they got is a costly and comparatively drawout affair which touched off the Kharkov offensive, to boot. The "bargain" is not in the favor of the Germans, definitely.

It would appear from the latest summary of the fighting by Pravda that the new Soviet anti-tank rifle is playing havoc with the panzers. This does not surprise us. More will be heard of this amazing little weapon.

The Japanese seem to be held in southwestern Yunnan. We still don't think that they intended to move in that direction in force. Somehow everybody seems to have forgotten about those monsoons.

The RAF has resumed its attacks on northern France. Frankly we are a little puzzled when told that yesterday the "greatest aerial battle of the war" took place over French soil and that the losses were eight planes on one side, and nine on the other. This is the approximate equivalent of a couple of hours of daily fighting on the Eastern Front.

Nothing of importance happened elsewhere.

CORRECTION: In our Sunday's article the paragraph on new Soviet field orders should have read:

Soviet orders are not to let enemy tank formations pass through the front in the expectation that they will be destroyed later; the orders are to use everything available against enemy tanks all the time.

Due to a misprint the word "exception" was substituted for "expectation."

Italian Political Chiefs Desperate Over Crisis

Return of Grandi, Mussolini's Foe, Shows Sharp Struggle for Power

By P. E. Allard
(By Wirephoto to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 18.—The most important fact of the week affecting Italy's internal affairs is the reappearance on the political scene of Dino Grandi, old time champion of the farmers of the Po River valley.

Speaking before the Commission of Industry and Arts, Grandi delivered an address in which he reviewed the economic position of Italy in relation to the war.

It was an address delivered to fascist plutocrats, one that normally would have been delivered by Mussolini himself. But Grandi spoke as would a government chief who, recognizing the gravity of the situation, endeavors to rally around himself differing leading groups who are disturbed, especially since "Duce" made the assertion that Italy is "on the verge of the abyss."

It may be presumed that Grandi was given the mission of soothing the Italian bourgeoisie by acting as a front for the Italian chief of state. But what then is the meaning of the unexpected return to the Italian political stage of this gentleman whom Mussolini relegated to the presidential chair of the phantom Chamber of Fasces and Corporations? Why has Italian plutocracy extricated Grandi's portrait from the fascist lumber gallery?

OPPOSED MUSSOLINI

Before answering this question it will be appropriate to throw some light on the personality of Grandi himself.

Grandi is the man who once hurled invective at Mussolini as "he who has betrayed and will betray again." When Grandi made this grave accusation against Mussolini he was interpreting the thoughts of the farmers and those sections of Italian big business who distrusted Mussolini, the demagogue. Grandi was an outright opponent of the fascist pact of "pacification" with the Socialists and Catholics. He was the enemy of the disorderly expressions of the fascist movement and he opposed the continuation of the centralized fascist party dominating the state.

Grandi wanted capitalist "law and order" and voiced 100 per cent opposition to the noisy, drunken demagoguery of the fascists which expressed itself in ultra-leftist phrases.

MOUTHPIECE OF BANKS

The banks, with Grandi as their mouthpiece, dictated their iron law to Mussolini and his petty bourgeois fascist movement. Faced with such a formidable rival as Grandi, Mussolini was forced to temper his demagogic phrases in order to remain the chief figure of fascism. After his notorious resignation from the executive committee of the Fascist Party, Grandi made amends and returned to the fold.

In the heart of Italian fascism Grandi has always been the consistent spokesman of the most reactionary plutocratic circles who have never tolerated the slightest illusion toward the social reform and ultra-left demagoguery of certain chief figures linked with syndicalism. Dino Grandi was the man who carried through the rapprochement with England by employing his numerous contacts with London City circles, who carried through Munich via Chamberlain.

The old mouthpiece of the Po agrarians is consequently the creature who was eclipsed by Mussolini's personal success and was for several years relegated to playing a quite subordinate role.

GRANDI TAKES REVENGE

At the time when a political crisis threatens the Mussolini regime Grandi takes his revenge. It is evident that even in high fascist circles the problem of succession to Mussolini is one that is henceforth on the order of the day. In these conditions it would not be astonishing if Grandi were working to win succession to Mussolini.

Grandi's speech to the Commission of Industry and Arts could quite well sound like a funeral oration over the "Duce," whose personality is today very much disguised in all circles of Italian society. Among decisive circles of the fascist plutocracy disquiet preponderates over confidence. Influential people fear that Mussolini, caught in a vise of Hitler, is risking everything in an attempt to save his head.

There is no doubt that the most reactionary caste of plutocrats thoroughly supports Mussolini, for it

fears the people. It is also certain that this fear of the people even immobilizes a section of the capitalist circles hostile to the Axis. This paradoxical situation, fear on all sides of bringing into movement the healthy forces of the people, enables Mussolini yet to maneuver.

WHAT IS HIS ROLE?

It would not be surprising to find that Grandi has been charged with the task of welding together the different capitalist circles so as to face the growing discontent of the people. It is also possible that Grandi has been compelled by Mussolini to make a public statement so as to reassure the refractory section of the bourgeoisie.

Mussolini is the type of man who does not hesitate in his choice of means. If he sees danger in Grandi, if he hears that Grandi is playing with the question of succession, he will do everything to compromise him.

It suffices to call to mind that Mussolini took care to compromise his immediate rivals when he entered the service of Hitler. That was how Bottai, now Minister of National Education, received the title of Doctor of Merit of the University of Berlin and Roberto Farinacci that of honorary citizens of the German capital.

There remains Grandi, who is by far the most dangerous opponent of the "Duce." It would not be strange then for Mussolini to want to compromise him. Further, Dino Grandi might also end by being assassinated, as was the case with Italo Balbo.

Mussolini is experienced in these matters. Since the murder of Matteotti he has caused a number of "embarrassing" people to disappear—Amendola, Gobetti, the Rosselli brothers and Antonio Gramsci.

The fascist plutocrats thoroughly believe that they can pull through by a change of face. But today when it is a question of life or death for Italy as a nation, it will not do to make a choice between Grandi and Mussolini or to consolidate the prestige of Mussolini at the expense of Grandi. The problem that urgently faces the Italian people is not of continuing war with Grandi or Mussolini, but of bringing the war to an end, of breaking with the Axis and achieving a separate peace.

The war policy of fascism must be brought to a stop regardless of which groups of people take the initiative in the matter. It is a question of life and death for Italy, a question of liberty or slavery for the people. When such objects are at stake, it is a matter of courageously and vigorously taking measures that correspond to the salvation of the country.

Cholera, Malaria Menace Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 18 (UP).—Serious congestion and outbreaks of cholera, yentery and malaria have resulted from the arrival in Kunming of 40,000 Chinese evacuees from Burma, dispatches said today.

The American Advisory Committee here has sent 50,000 Yuan (about \$3,000) to Kunming, Yunnan Province capital, for emergency supplies, food and clothing. The Chungking Government was expected to order the dispersal of evacuees to other points in interior China to avert a major epidemic.

U. S. Freighter Hit Off Dutch West Indies

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 18 (UP).—A United States freighter was torpedoed off the Dutch West Indies island of Bonaire Saturday night, the Aneta Dutch Indies News agency said today.

Of nineteen survivors of the torpedoed vessel landed on Bonaire, six have been brought to Curacao,



Guarding Atlantic Convoy: One of the biggest ships in an Atlantic convoy (top) is seen easily through an early morning mist as it ploughed toward one of our far-flung battle zones carrying the sinews of war. Keeping watch over the ship is a Navy blimp. Two fire control men are shown at their post aboard an escorting warship (bottom).

Chinese Shatter Tokio Column Near Yunnan

CHUNGKING, May 18 (UP).—Chinese troops have completely destroyed a Japanese mobile column north of the Burma Road some 40 miles inside Yunnan Province, and are battling other invader columns to a standstill, both on the road and in the Mekong River jungles at the border of Burma and French Indo-China, it was reported tonight.

Strongly attacked from both front and rear in their drive out of Burma toward the Burma Road terminus of Kunming, the Japanese were reported pouring reinforcements into the Mekong sector in an attempt to clear out the Chinese pockets at Mong Panlaw, Mong Hui and Hong Ling which flank their communications lines. The Chinese were counter-attacking stubbornly at all three places, military dispatches said.

Red Army Closing in on Kharkov, Wipes Out Hundreds of Chutists

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that Timoshenko's offense arc swung around Kharkov from Volchansk, 35 miles northeast of the city, through Chuguev, some 20 miles to the southeast, and on to the region of Kransograd, 60 miles southwest.

The capture of Kransograd would give Timoshenko the choice of slashing up the railroad toward Poltava in a wide enveloping move against Kharkov or pushing southward toward the big bend of the Dnieper River in a bid to disrupt the Axis communications to the Crimea.

Before Kharkov the Germans were reported resorting to every means at their command in desperate efforts to halt the Red Army. Into one sector they hurled 180 tanks drawing armored trailers loaded with infantry, Soviet dispatches related.

The Soviets drew in their tanks and permitted the enemy spearhead to wedge into their own position. Then they attacked from all sides, destroyed 73 German tanks and sent the remainder in disorderly flight.

In another sector the Red Army repulsed 16 German mechanized assaults, accounting for 43 enemy tanks. One Soviet Guard unit beat

The destroyed Japanese column had veered off the Burma Road in the Mallopu-Hung Mu Shu sector, northeast of Luning, 40 miles inside China, and had attempted to push north to outflank the important road junction of Paoshan (Yungchang). A Chinese communiqué Sunday said half the column had been wiped out, and today it was announced that the surviving remnants had been destroyed.

The Japanese were still held on the west side of the Salween River in Yunnan, limiting their penetration to less than 70 miles. Heavy battles were reported at Mong Kun and Taihao, on the Salween front.

On the west side of Burma, British Blenheim bombers, covering the withdrawal of Imperial troops to India, made a heavy attack last night on Kalewa, 60 miles from the

Indian border, destroying warehouses on the Chindwin River and barges and other craft moored nearby, according to New Delhi dispatches. One RAF plane was lost in the raid.

A New Delhi communiqué said the Japanese made one of two unopposed landings on both banks of the Chindwin near Kalewa but it said British troops had evacuated the area several days ago and that "the movement of Imperial forces in Burma continues unhampered by any contact with the enemy."

(The air ministry in London said that heavy U. S. bombers based in India were persistently raiding Japanese shipping and docks and warehouses in Rangoon and the air-drome at Mingaladon, north of Rangoon, "harassing the Japanese in much the same way that the RAF is upsetting the Germans.")

There were four snappy lieutenants in the contingent who remained strictly aloof. They were Helen Aikens, of Somerville, Mass.; Betty Eagan, of Natick, Mass.; Helen Roque, of Lexington, Mass.; and Katherine Hough of Concord, N. H. They were in a contingent of nurses.

One man came down the gangplank on crutches. He was Sgt. Olen Quinn of Sturges, S. O., who said, "They told me I could have stayed behind and let this broken ankle heal but I could not pass up the opportunity to come with my buddies."

The new arrivals will give Britons their first look at the new American helmets, which are almost embarrassingly Hun-like.

A shower of oranges, cigars and souvenir dimes from the troops greeted British Tommies waiting on the quayside to help the Yanks with their baggage.

Mongolia-Manchukuo Border Pact Ratified

(By Wirephoto to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 18.—An agreement fixing the border lines of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Manchukuo Government was signed on May 5, it was revealed here today.

The two governments exchanged written advice to the effect that the Protocol resulting from the work of a mixed commission following the border conflict of 1939 and which was signed by both states on Oct. 15 of that year, had been ratified.

AEF With Tanks Lands In Ireland

Biggest Contingent Yet Takes Several Days To Disembark

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statement that American troops would be operating against the enemy in the very near future.

As fast as they could be put ashore, the reinforcements were speeded away for immediate work-outs.

The equipment was assembled and put into operation in record time.

The Irish countryside rumbled with the tread of marching feet and rolling of machines.

Early today, American light and medium tanks, fresh from the factories, could still be seen literally flying through the whitewashed coastal villages. In addition to the armored forces, there were considerable numbers of mobile anti-tank guns.

The first arrivals were led by a 59-year-old commander from New York, a short, gray-haired veteran who came up from the ranks to become a specialist in field artillery.

The first man from the convoy to set foot on Irish soil was Pvt. Class Marvin H. O'Neal, of Philip, S. D., a freckled, red-haired lad of 21 who has been in the army 15 months.

O'Neal said he left a girl behind—Virginia Peterson, 18, who is still in school in Philip.

"She's a beauty and we're engaged to be married when I get back home," he said.

Aboard O'Neal's ship was Sgt. Christian Nelson, of Rapid City, S. D., who said he has been in the Army so long that "landing at a new port is old stuff to me."

The new contingent came generally from the same section of the United States as did earlier arrivals in northern Ireland—South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, and other middle western states. There were others, however, including Sgt. Edward Collins (637 10th Ave.) of New York; Sgt. Charles Burns, also of New York, who drove the first tank from the docks, and Sgt. Bennie Jenkins, of Opelika, Ala., who drove the second tank.

It was an all-American show at the debarkation point. A British Army major who assists in the embarking and debarking of troops said it was "the finest troop movement I ever saw." He was particularly impressed by a group of big, raw-boned Kentucky mountaineers in the convoy whose sergeant, the major said, "make you think of movie non-coms." Most of the mountaineers are veterans of five or six years service.

There were four snappy lieutenants in the contingent who remained strictly aloof. They were Helen Aikens, of Somerville, Mass.; Betty Eagan, of Natick, Mass.; Helen Roque, of Lexington, Mass.; and Katherine Hough of Concord, N. H. They were in a contingent of nurses.

One man came down the gangplank on crutches. He was Sgt. Olen Quinn of Sturges, S. O., who said, "They told me I could have stayed behind and let this broken ankle heal but I could not pass up the opportunity to come with my buddies."

The new arrivals will give Britons their first look at the new American helmets, which are almost embarrassingly Hun-like.

A shower of oranges, cigars and souvenir dimes from the troops greeted British Tommies waiting on the quayside to help the Yanks with their baggage.

Mongolia-Manchukuo Border Pact Ratified

(By Wirephoto to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 18.—An agreement fixing the border lines of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Manchukuo Government was signed on May 5, it was revealed here today.

The two governments exchanged written advice to the effect that the Protocol resulting from the work of a mixed commission following the border conflict of 1939 and which was signed by both states on Oct. 15 of that year, had been ratified.

Prince Eugen Hit by RAF Off Norway

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—RAF planes pointed on the track German cruiser Prince Eugen last night while it was trying to slip back to Germany for repairs and, in a blazing air-naval battle off the southern tip of Norway, sent two, and possibly three, more torpedoes into its battered hull, wreathing it in flames and smoke, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

Four German destroyers escorting the sleek, 10,000-ton cruiser were raked by machine gun and cannon fire from British fighter planes, and five Messerschmitt-109 fighters were shot down in the battle, fought just north of the area where British and German navies slugged it out in the Battle of Jutland in the World War.

The British lost nine planes. The Eugen was homeward bound from Trondheim, 600 miles up the Norwegian coast, where it had been anchored for three months partially crippled as a result of two previous British attacks.

Beaufort torpedo-carrying planes drove the blows home on the Eugen and accompanying fighter planes attacked the destroyers, to divert their fire from the Beaufort.

Returning fliers said one of the destroyers was left "covered with a pall of smoke," indicating that it was damaged.

Strong RAF Raids On Northern France

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—Strong RAF formations lashed out at northern France in daylight today, heaving bombs at German objectives inland from Calais and Boulogne.

There had been a previous intense RAF attack in the same area just after midnight, the bomb concussion against the Channel shaking the English coast for two hours.

The RAF night raids were believed to have concentrated on targets between Dunkirk and Boulogne.

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SUCCESSOR TO 'SOCIAL JUSTICE'

New Issue of 'Cross and Flag' Goes Through Mails--Why?

By Sender Garlin

"Social Justice" has been suppressed but Gerald L. K. Smith carries on for the seditious Charles Coughlin in the second issue of "The Cross and the Flag" which is now being transported through the U. S. Mail.

The May issue of Smith's pro-fascist publication has just come off the press. It is now being scattered throughout the country. It contains every one of the 15 major lies that Hitler wants Americans to believe. These are the lies that Archibald MacLeish, head of the Office of Facts and Figures warned against in his recent broadside, "Divide and Conquer."

The U. S. Government has stamped down on Coughlin's poisonous "Social Justice." Would-

be fushrer Smith "The Cross and the Flag" should be the next to go.

Smith defends the seditious Coughlin and declares that he is "not alarmed over any legal action" and when Father Coughlin and his associates are permitted to vindicate themselves completely, their influence will not only remain, but will be greatly widened and extended.

Not only does Smith rise to the defense of Coughlin, but he has words of praise for defeatist publishers like COL. ROBERT MC-CORMICK of the Chicago Tribune, CAPT. J. M. PATTERSON of the Daily News, WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST. He lauds FATHER EDWARD LODGE

OURRAN and the pro-fascist "Tablet." He hails LINDBERGH's arrival in the vital war production center of Detroit and declares—with unconscious irony—that "the (Lindbergh) represents a type of rare in America." This demagogue has the brass to say that "the presence of Lindbergh in Detroit is one of the most inspiring events to take place since Pearl Harbor."

Congressman HAM FISH (he of Vireck fame) is described by Smith as "a patriotic statesman above reproach"; there are orchids for Martin Dies, whose attack on Vice-President Henry Wallace is spread over four full columns of "The Cross and the Flag." It was in answer to this fulmination that Dies that Wallace declared that

the Texas poll-tax Congressman was performing yeoman service for the Axis propagandists.

Gaulleter Smith, in the current issue of his publication, is continuing the line made clear in his first issue: a program of disruption and defeatism aimed to divide the American people and to weaken the people's war against the Axis. He raves about attempts being made to join in a political union with foreign countries, meaning Great Britain and the Soviet Union. He rants about "an international plot" to make the American people "part of a world revolution."

This is straight out of Goebbels' propaganda-gas factory. Smith's publication shrieks about

THE CROSS AND THE FLAG

"An Open Letter to Vice-President Henry Wallace"

By Congressman Martin Dies

Martin Dies is featured in second issue of "The Cross and the Flag."

boondoggling and bureaucratic politicians and racketeers" when he means the Roosevelt Administration and the American people united behind the war drive.

"The Cross and the Flag" assaults Ambassador Joseph E. Davies and support for Russian War Relief. It is a pro-fascist publication which spreads sedition.

It should be suppressed and its publishers called to account.

"Social Justice" has been silenced. This is a blow to the Axis and a victory for the American people.

"The Cross and the Flag" should be next!

Winning Production Battle---Somervell

Army Supply Chief Calls for Goals 'Undreamed of Six Months Ago'

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Services of Supply, said today that American industrial concerns are winning the war "on the production front."

"And these successes," he added, "in the end will tell the story on the battle front."

Somervell spoke at exercises commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Army Ordnance District system. He said that 7,000 industrial firms and many times that number of individual plants turning out ordnance for the army had given "rousing answers to Hitler's boast that a free people can't produce."

"Let us set new goals of production, goals undreamed of six months or six weeks ago," he said. "And let us attain these goals. . . . We don't intend to fight this war in a stalemate; we intend to win it."

War Industry Workers to Hear Foster

Communist Leader to Speak in Brooklyn Next Tuesday

Over one thousand workers in the machine building and other war industries are expected to hear William Z. Foster, Communist Party Chairman, in an informal discussion on "The Second Front and the War Industries," Tuesday, May 26, 8 p. m., at the Plaza, 350 Flatbush Extension, Brooklyn.

Foster is expected to deal with the question of the second front, the President's 7-point anti-inflation program, and the responsibilities of the labor movement in the war for victory over the Axis.

Several seamen from torpedoed ships have accepted invitations to address the meeting.

In appreciation of the heroic services of the American seamen to "Keep 'Em Sailing," workers in the machine building industry have coined the slogan "We Produce—You Deliver."

Invitations to attend the meeting have been eagerly accepted by workers in the machine, radio, electrical, shipbuilding and auto industries. Admission to the meeting which is sponsored by the Industrial Divisions of the Communist Party and Young Communist League is by invitation card only.

Report U. S. Ship Hit Off Dutch West Indies

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 18 (UP).—The Andra Netherlands Indian News Agency reported today that a United States merchant vessel was torpedoed Saturday night off the Dutch West Indies island of Bonaire.

Nineteen survivors of the ship were landed on Bonaire.

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3 Killed, 10 Hurt In Mine Explosion

Second West Virginia Coal Disaster Within Week; 15 Escape From Pit

BENWOOD, W. Va., May 18 (UP).—Three men were killed and two critically burned today in an explosion in the Hitchman mine of the Hitchman Coal and Coke Co. here.

Ten other men, part of a force of 15 sent into the mine last night to clean up a rock and slate fall, escaped, making their way to safety past the scene of the blast, which occurred about 500 feet from the sloping entrance to the workings.

The dead were: Hardy Park, Benwood, and Mike Potts and John Moser, both of McMechen, W. Va.

In critical condition at Ohio Valley Central Hospital, Wheeling, where Albert Valentini, 30, and Dan Potts, 22, both of McMechen. The explosion was the second within a week in the West Virginia soft coal fields. Fifty-six men were killed in a blast last Tuesday at the Christopher Coal Co. No. 3 mine at Oage, W. Va., near Morgantown.

Slavs Set Day To Observe War Unity

American Slav Sunday June 21 to Be Held Throughout Nation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, May 18. — The National Committee of the American Slav Congress here has declared June 21 as American Slav Sunday to be observed throughout the nation by Slav organizations.

"The unity of the American Slavs has created a new aspect for the Axis," reads the appeal in part. "For centuries the quarrels and misunderstandings that have divided the Slav peoples have been thought to be unbridgeable. But recent events have shown that Slav unity is not only possible but can be a potent factor in helping our country to win the war."

The appeal calls upon American Slav organizations to join in organizing local unity parades and demonstrations for mobilizing the war spirit.

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Britain's Commandos Go Through Their Paces

You have to be rough tough and durable to be a member of a British Commando group. They are toughened by battle practices that come very close to the real thing. In practice, above, infantry is shown in a charge; at left, fording a stream; at right, going over a hill. These are the men who have raided Nazi invasion coasts.

Lehman Backs Absentee Votes For Soldiers

But Sharply Criticizes Republican Bill as 'Political' Tool

ALBANY, May 18 (UP).—Governor Lehman approved the soldier vote bill today, enabling citizens in the armed forces to vote by absentee ballots in the November gubernatorial election.

In an accompanying memorandum he charged that under its provisions, thousands were disfranchised. Lehman said he was "compelled" to sign the Republican bill, "for without it there can be no military vote." He accused the legislature of insisting upon its own soldier vote bill to "gain political partisan advantage."

The dates of primaries and state nominating conventions will be advanced five weeks—the primaries to be held out earlier than Aug. 11; state conventions, not earlier than Aug. 18.

The commission will distribute ballots not later than Sept. 22, expecting them to be returned by Dec. 10.

Lehman vetoed the Page Bill to enable women employed in restaurants to work until 1 A. M. instead of 12 midnight, saying "the war emergency should not be used as a reason to break down established labor standards."

City Budget Amended For Post-War Works

22 Million Dollars for New Construction Included on Advice of LaGuardia

Acting on advice of Mayor LaGuardia, the City Planning Commission yesterday amended the 1942 capital budget by including in it \$22,065,875 for immediate planning of construction and rebuilding of city facilities after the United Nations have defeated the Axis.

The proposed post-war works program includes \$2,747,000 for planning construction of 66 elementary and high schools at a total estimated cost of \$117,180,793.

It includes also a program of expansion of the municipal hospital system, the health center service, the park and playground system, modernization of the city prisons and development of the museum, library and scientific institutions.

AWAIT COUNCIL ACTION
 The post-war construction plan will go to the Board of Estimate and the City Council for final approval and adoption.

In suggesting the plan to the City Planning Commission, the Mayor pointed out that part of the program includes post-war public works requiring the cooperation of federal and state governments.

"Frankly," he said, "I am disap-

30 Cargo Ships! May 22 Launching to Be Biggest

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—Thirty cargo ships will slide down the ways May 22 in the greatest mass launching of merchant ships since the United States began construction of the Victory Fleet.

The Maritime Commission announced today that the vessels would be launched on National Maritime Day on all coasts and the Great Lakes. The large number of launchings is possible because of speeding up of production. Twenty-five other vessels already have been launched this month.

The May 22 launchings will be more than double those of Liberty Fleet Day, Sept. 27, 1941, when 18 ships slid into the sea. That day marked the beginning of the one-a-day launching schedule. National Maritime Day, the commission said, will usher in the two-completed-ships-a-day production rate. By fall it will be increased to three-a-day.

Straus to Be Honored at Tenants Dinner

Figures of local and national prominence have joined the honorary and sponsors' committees for the testimonial dinner to be given to Nathan Straus, former Administrator of the United States Housing Authority, at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 381 West 57 St., Thursday, May 21, when he will receive the Third Annual Award for Meritorious Housing of the United Tenants Leagues of Greater New York for his activities on behalf of low-rent public housing and slum clearance.

McNutt Sees Priorities for Skilled Labor
 Tells CIO Auto Rally of Need to Assure War Plants Manpower

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 18 (UP).—Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, expects the government to establish a priority system for skilled labor soon to supplement the allocation program already in effect for industrial materials.

"We shall have to consider some orderly process of hiring that will guarantee to factories engaged in the most urgent war production, first call on the available supply of skilled workers," McNutt said at a war workers rally sponsored by the United Automobile Workers (CIO).

"There seems to be no question but that we will have to set priorities for jobs as we now set priorities for materials," McNutt said. "The government must determine where, when and what kind of workers will be needed" and must "allocate manpower for the military services, for industry for the great transportation systems and for the farms."

He criticized opponents of the 40-hour week and said men could not work long hours week after week without a lag in output. He said charges that the 40-hour week had retarded production had been "pretty well scotched."

"A 40-hour week represents terms of pay, not hours worked," he said. "The hours worked in many war industries today are more nearly 52, 56, 60 or more."

Rep. Boland, House Democratic Whip, Dies
 SCRANTON, Pa., May 18 (UP).—Rep. Patrick J. Boland, Democratic House whip, died suddenly today. Boland, 62, died of a heart attack at his home shortly after 5 A. M. He was finishing his sixth term in the House this year, and was seeking re-nomination in the primary tomorrow.

Funeral services will be held Thursday from St. Peter's Cathedral.

U.S. Ships Losses Exceed Total in 1918

House Committee OK's \$210,000,000 Boost In Sea Insurance

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—The House Appropriations Committee, approving a \$210,000,000 increase in the marine and war risk insurance fund, reported today that losses of American flag vessels already exceeded those for World War I.

The committee advised the House that the fund is liable for more than a ship a day at the present rate of sinkings.

Committee hearings, however, included testimony by Chairman Emory S. Land of the Maritime Commission, disclosing that if the shipyards get enough steel they may turn out between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 tons of shipping next year.

President Roosevelt set 15,000,000 tons as the goal for 1943.

"Shipping is the great problem of the conduct of this war," the committee's report said. "The losses of American flag vessels are already greater than the entire period of the last war."

"Essential transportation by cargo vessels can be maintained only by adequate insurance of the vessels, the operating personnel and the cargoes and the prompt adjudication and payment of losses that occur."

Land said the United States had built 26 merchantmen in April and would produce more than 50 this month.

He said he was counting on construction of 800 ships this year.

"We hope by June," Land told the committee, "to be up to two a day, and we confidently expect to be up to three a day or better, two or three months later than that and continue on."

Need 55,000 More Student Nurses
 CHICAGO, May 18 (UP).—Spokesmen for the American Nurses Association, National League of Nursing Education and National Organization for Public Health Nursing said today 55,000 more student nurses were needed this year and 65,000 in 1943 to meet the needs of the Army and Navy.

Six nurses are required for every 1,000 soldiers and three for every 1,000 sailors, they reported at their biennial convention.

New recruits, aged 18 to 35, must be strong, and intelligent. And they will be hand-picked for personality, a sense of humor and an adventurous spirit, for the profession hopes to guard against another "oversupply of poorly prepared nurses" such as were developed during depression years.

The convention's tentative program also included calling upon inactive nurses to return to service and the training of 100,000 nurses aides for less skilled hospital tasks.

WAR COSTS MONEY—BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS



U. S. Air Corps in Iceland: This picture shows a Hudson Alacobra pursuit plane of the U. S. Air Corps being given the once over by a ground crew of American and British soldiers in Iceland. Taking off in the background is a Hudson bomber of the RAF Coastal Command.

'Curly' Brooks, Defeatist On the Leash of Chicago Tribune

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trial that Johnson also turned over some of his constituents' letters to Prescott Bennett, Viereck's Washington representative who organized several dummy committees for the Nazi agent. These letters were used to compile master mailing lists for the Viereck groups.

That Brooks is the most important and dangerous of the defeatist Senators running for re-election seems obvious.

KU KLUX KLAN TIES

Brooks has had close ties with the Ku Klux Klan, and on Aug. 27, 1940 addressed a Klan rally at Rockford, Ill., which was attended by 60,000 persons.

One of Brooks' speeches, "Three Steps to War," made on Feb. 21, 1941, was mailed under the frank of Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho by George Hill, Rep. Fla.'s secretary who acted as Viereck's Capitol Hill agent.

Senator Wheeler picked Brooks as one of the trusted appeasers he placed on the Senate Interstate Commerce Subcommittee which conducted an anti-Semitic witch-hunt against the movie industry.

As recently as March 12, the Chicago Tribune quoted a speech by Brooks which attempted to create distrust of the Soviet Union and indicated opposition to the policy of sending military aid to the Red Army.

While Brooks' speech was not particularly coherent or grammatically correct, its meaning in the following passage seems plain enough:

"We have decided to the best interest of the American people to help Russia defend her own land, but she has not indicated as yet that in return for our help she would aid in any way in our battle against the Japanese. But through their communistic activities Russians have constantly indicated they would like to destroy our form of government."

MCCORMACK STOOGE

Short, stocky and curly-haired (he likes to be known as 'Curly'), Brooks has a reputation of being quite a rabble-rouser before an audience which is sympathetic to his ideas. He has little standing in the Senate where he is thought of mainly as a rubber-stamp for the Chicago Tribune.

Brooks' association with the Chicago Tribune dates way back, almost 15 years.

In 1928, Jake Lingle, a reporter for the Tribune who had close underworld connections, was killed in a gang war. Lingle was accused of taking graft from the wrong gang. The Tribune was anxious to have the prosecution handled the right way; it did not want to take any chances of having the Tribune

linked with the Chicago underworld during the trial.

So the Tribune hired a young lawyer called Brooks to be a special prosecutor in the case and to work along with the District Attorney. He got the conviction of a minor St. Louis gangster called Leo Brothers.

Old-time Chicago reporters who are now in Washington state that Brooks protested his innocence to the end and that many rumors floated around to the effect that the conviction was a frame-up designed to white-wash the Tribune.

BROOKS GETS REWARD

In any event, Brooks became Col. McCormack's political favorite. The Colonel pushed him unsuccessfully for governor in 1936 and finally made him a Senator in 1940.

The chief reason given for Brooks' victory in the Republican primary in April was that he had the full, although under-cover backing, of

Gov. Dwight Green and the Republican state machine.

In the final election on Nov. 5, Brooks will have an exceptionally strong opponent in Rep. Raymond S. McKee who has an outstanding record both on domestic and foreign policy.

McKee has supported all steps to prosecute the war effort, while Brooks voted against the amendments to repeal the restrictive provisions of the Neutrality Act and against draft extension.

In contrast to Brooks who voted for the Byrd and Connally anti-labor amendments, McKee has been a consistent champion of all progressive social and labor legislation.

The CIO and the AFL in Illinois as well as nationally, are united in backing McKee in his race against Brooks. This will be one of the most important Senatorial contests in the fall elections.

Won't Permit Politics in OCD — Landis

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—The Office of Civilian Defense "takes the danger of enemy raids seriously" and will not permit "pork barrel" politics to interfere with allocation of fire apparatus, helmets and other equipment to cities in the danger zone, OCD Director James M. Landis declared tonight.

Writing in the current issue of "Look" magazine, he reiterated that the chief considerations in the allocation of attack its vulnerability, and the importance of its war factories. Delivery of the equipment will begin soon, he said.

Noting "widespread public misunderstandings" of the OCD role, the director emphasized that the agency's function was chiefly advisory, and that the responsibility of carrying out the program lies with local communities.

He urged civilians everywhere to enroll with their local OCD offices to take their part in the fight on the home front.

New Defense Rules Set Up in Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 18 (UP).—New defense regulations made public today by the Colonial Government compel retail stores here to close between 9 P.M. and 5 A.M. The regulations do not affect establishments where food and drink are sold for consumption on the premises, and drug stores may sell medicines and other articles needed by the ailing after closing hours.

Witness Says Model Wasn't At Death Scene

(By United Press)

Madeline Webb, beautiful model-actress accused of murder, got her first break today.

One of the three men accused with her of the murder-for-robbery of Mrs. Susan P. Reich, wealthy Polish refugee, testified Madeline was standing on a street corner with him, nervously twisting her fingers, while her lover and another man were applying the gags and trusses which led to Mrs. Reich's death in a hotel room.

The testimony of Murray Hirsch, jeweler and twice convicted thief, was the first to remove Madeline from the murder scene.

Hirsch, who was arrested as he tried to dispose of a diamond ring taken from Mrs. Reich's hand, was granted a separate trial when he turned state's witness.

Mrs. Reich was found March 4 by a startled bellboy, bound and gagged in a hotel suite rented by Madeline and Shonbrun. Previous witnesses testified Mrs. Reich came to the apartment on the telephone invitation of Madeline.

Earthquake Shocks Felt in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 18 (UP).—Earthquake shocks were felt today in eastern Venezuela.

The shocks of strongest intensity were registered at Cumana, capital of the State of Sucre. No casualties were reported.

Holders of 'B' Gas Cards May 'Double Up'

Henderson Rules After Inspectors Tried to Yank Cards

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—Legitimate holders of "B" ration cards who save their gasoline by doubling up with other drivers or other economy measures may use such fuel "for any purpose they desire"—Sunday or pleasure driving—Price Administrator Leon Henderson ruled today.

The ruling came after a number of "B-3" card holders were stopped by Office of Price Administration checkers at the approaches to the Delaware River Bridge and told to turn in their cards when they returned home.

Henderson emphasized that his decision applies to legitimate "B" card holders. He said rationing boards through the 17-state eastern rationing area would check on "K" (unlimited) and "B-3" (57 gallons for a seven-week period) cards to see if these had been issued to "chiselers" who were not entitled to them.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt took command of efforts to relieve the East Coast petroleum shortage. He conferred at length with Congressional leaders who said later that construction of pipelines and extensive use of inland waterway barges will be "looked into at once" as the quickest means of relieving the shortage.

McKee has supported all steps to prosecute the war effort, while Brooks voted against the amendments to repeal the restrictive provisions of the Neutrality Act and against draft extension.

In contrast to Brooks who voted for the Byrd and Connally anti-labor amendments, McKee has been a consistent champion of all progressive social and labor legislation.

The CIO and the AFL in Illinois as well as nationally, are united in backing McKee in his race against Brooks. This will be one of the most important Senatorial contests in the fall elections.

American Day Upstate Rally Urges 2d Front

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SYRACUSE, May 18.—Four hundred Syracuseans, participating in Communist Party I-Am-An-American-Day celebration here last night, unanimously called upon President Roosevelt to open a Western Front in Europe as the surest way to smash the Axis in 1942.

The patriotic celebration, held at the Hotel Syracuse, was the latest Communist meeting to be held here in years.

A representative audience including defense workers, small-business people and Syracuse University students, applauded vigorously reference to the release of Earl Browder by President Roosevelt made by speakers.

George Sheldrick, Onondaga County Chairman of the Communist Party, urged labor to take the lead in calling for a Western Front. He called on Mayor Thomas Kennedy of this city to give labor a greater part in community war activity.

Sheldrick also scored housing facilities for defense workers locally, pointing out that failure to provide adequate facilities would retard war production. He also urged manufacturers to lift firm crowd barriers against Negro workers in war plants.

U. S. Technical Mission Sought in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, May 18 (UP).—The newspaper El Diario today urged the Uruguayan Government to request the United States to send a technical mission to investigate the nation's mineral resources, particularly oil, and determine feasibility of exploitation.

Such a mission would be similar to the American groups now operating in Peru, Bolivia and Brazil.



Yanks Read Mail 'Down Under': Our sailors keep in touch with their home folk by mail. They are shown reading their first mail from home after reaching Australia. Some of the men wear tropic helmets, the others absorb the sun's rays.

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Steel Leaders Ask Immediate Offensive

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delegates are expected to take steps to constitute the "Committee" as an international of the CIO.

The convention will meet through the week at Public Music Hall. Attendance will be twice the number of that attended the 1940 SWOC convention.

The second important subject centering the convention's attention as indicated in the report and Murray's press interview today, is the pending wage decision by the War Labor Board affecting directly the workers of "Little Steel" companies and as a consequence those of U.S. Steel and other firms.

"THIS IS LABOR'S WAR"

"Our union, as part of the labor movement, shall continue to be in the vanguard in this vital struggle for final victory and the establishment of the four freedoms in the peace," declares the officers' report.

"This is truly labor's war. American labor must win this war. In the determination not to let anything interfere with the defeat of the Axis powers, our union has thrown its complete resources into the battle on many fronts."

The officers note that the SWOC is the first of the major unions to hold a convention since Pearl Harbor.

"Thus the program we wrote during these sessions can have national repercussions because 'as steel goes so goes the nation,'" they declared. A considerable section is devoted to the Murray Industry Council plan designed to mobilize to a maximum the country's economic resources for war. Figures are cited to show that the country has lost considerable steel production last year because of absence of coordination in the steel industry.

"The plan drafted by our union is founded on the fact that the entire iron, steel and tin producing industry should be organized into one great production unit in order to insure this country adequate supply of iron and steel," declares the report. Coordination would be under a joint labor-government-management body.

FLAYS FOES OF UNITY

The report lashes out vigorously against "isolationists."

"In the United States there are those who would like to destroy the trade union movement; and under cover of false patriotism they are trying to do so," says the report.

"Through their action these forces—these isolationists, these anti-union groups—are lending a quiet but effective aid to Nazism.

"The chief concern of these traitors and their anti-union legislation is directed to impeding the war effort through the destruction of labor organizations." This convention, therefore must serve notice that the union intends to fight for its right to live; that the achievements of our union for the past 24 months, which we are now reviewing, must be multiplied a hundredfold; that it is our patriotic duty to bring about the complete unionization of the steel industry; that it intends to drive with ever-renewed vigor towards that end."

CONSIDERS POST-WAR PROBLEMS

In a section devoted to post-war planning, the report declares that "American working people are fighting the war to make this a better world in which to live. The defeat of Hitler and the Japanese war lords is only a means toward this end."

Setting forth the objective of "full production and employment in the post-war era," the officers point out that as today full time production is being achieved for war weapons, so the same could be achieved for peace-time production and that "the American people have a right to expect nothing less than this in the post-war era."

In respect to wages the report restates the position Murray voiced at the recent Pennsylvania CIO convention—opposing wage freezing and demanding the enactment of universal "equitable and democratic

rationing" of all essential products if the cost of living is to be controlled and inflation blocked.

"Only recently the Chairman of the National War Labor Board publicly announced that there will be no wage freezing policy on the part of the Board," says the report. "This is precisely the position that has been taken by the SWOC. Wage freezing would be destructive to all collective bargaining and trade unions. Any such policy would have a disastrous impact upon the war program. Wage adjustments must continue and be predicated upon the basic principle of what is best to aid the prosecution of the war."

The SWOC, in presenting its case before the National War Labor Board, has based its case upon this single proposition. Stabilization of wages and prices, is, of course, desirable and essential. A National economic program to achieve this end, together with proper tax provisions and equitable and democratic rationing, receives not only the endorsement of the SWOC but is the essence of our basic policies."

Along with the officers reporting the SWOC released its brief outlining the case before the NLRB for a wage increase in "Little Steel."

At his press conference this afternoon, Murray was sharp in his denunciation of the theory that wage stabilization is wage freezing.

Dim-Out Enters City's Homes

The war, already keeping New Yorkers close to home by restricting the family car's gasoline supply, followed them indoors last night by compelling shading of domestic lights which might cast an upward glare through windows.

New and more stringent dim-out regulations went into effect at sundown in a city whose lights already were reduced noticeably in the campaign to eliminate sky-glare which aids raiding submarines off the Atlantic Coast—submarines whose success against tankers has been instrumental in compelling restriction of the average motorist's supplies.

A further blow to the leisure-time activities of New Yorkers came in the announcement by Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine that night baseball in New York has been "definitely banned" for the duration because of the flood lights glare.

The new lighting regulations, announced by LaGuardia Sunday, provide for elimination of neon lights and illuminated advertising signs, whose glow spreads out of doors, and also that no interior lights cast a beam above the horizon.

These orders mean that in private homes, window shades must be lowered to keep lights from heading upward.

Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Terry, commander of the Army's Second Corps Area, emphasized that the regulations were necessary because the situation is "critical" in regard to offshore lighting which reveals ships to undersea raiders. He said results of regulations hitherto in effect—partial dimming of shoreline street lights, the darkening of skyscraper windows above the 15th floor level, and the extinguishing of larger advertising signs and outdoor neon displays in certain areas—has been "unsatisfactory."

Under the new orders parts of all street lamps will be painted black, forces and their handmen will have to pay the penalty for all the suffering they have inflicted on our people contrary to international law.

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Enough Ships on Hand, But United Fruit Bars Use of Its Fleet for U.S. War Needs

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The misleading talk has been assiduously spread around that the United Fruit is helpless to aid in the war effort for the following alleged reasons—reasons which we intend in this article to expose for all their brazen, hypocritical nature:

1. That when the government, through the War Shipping Administration (and the U. S. Maritime Commission) attempted to take over most or all of the United Fruit ships, the Caribbean banana countries lodged protests with the State Department.

2. These protests, which finally won the State Department's heart, were based upon the fact that cessation of the banana trade would lead to economic and financial collapse of the small republics.

3. That the State Department, alarmed lest this come to pass, thus "disrupting" our Good Neighbor relations, persuaded the U. S. Government to permit the United Fruit fleet to continue doing business as usual.

4. Sift this sort of talk down to its fundamentals and one is naturally led to believe that the matter is a matter of control of the United Fruit Company; that in fact the com-

pany is conducting a commendable and humanitarian business; that even if the United Fruit wanted to turn its badly needed ships over to the war effort, the State Department would not allow it.

The answer which pierces through this propaganda is simple:

The so-called "protests" by the banana Republics to the State Department came from the offices of the fabulously wealthy United Fruit Company—which is the government of those small countries.

There are perhaps no other countries in either hemisphere under the influence, or outright domination of a single big commercial corporation, to the extent that Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica are influenced or dominated by the United Fruit Company.

The United Fruit Company for the past half century has woven a tenacious controlling web over the administrative, financial and economic life of these little nations. It has reached generously into its immense wealth to steer elections, grease the palms of amenable lawmakers. It virtually controls the entire transportation system of some of the little banana growing countries. In business—as in war—get a stranglehold on transportation and

the land is yours.

Testifying to this phase of United's control of Costa Rica, for instance, Charles David Kepner, Jr., in his penetrating study "Social Aspects of the Banana Industry," has this to say about United's grip on Costa Rica's transportation:

"By means of its hold upon the transportation system, the United has been able to throttle competitors who had the temerity to hazard entrance into its private preserve."

When competitors got too bold, the United Fruit Company showed that it had enough power even to launch "banana wars" to protect its monopoly. In 1912 it blocked an attempted entrance into Costa Rica by the Atlantic Fruit Co. And again, in 1923, it smashed a combined attempt by the big Cuyamel and Atlantic companies.

In 1924, a "boundary conflict" which resulted in bloody fighting took place between Honduras and Guatemala, and when U. S. Chief Justice Hughes handed down an award settling the dispute six years later, it was found that behind the blazing guns were the generals of the United Fruit Company and the rival Cuyamel company.

The history of the United Fruit

Company in the Caribbean banana countries has been one of monopoly based upon corruption and pulling the strings of government. All serious students who have written upon the subject reach this conclusion: Perhaps the crassest example of United's "friendly relations" with most of these governments was the bloody strike of the Honduras banana workers about six years ago. The Honduras government simply turned out the troops to smash the strike—a strike against the United Fruit Company.

The 66-odd ships of United are still carrying bananas. Meanwhile, our government is combing every port for ships and finds itself compelled to use what seamen call "rustbuckets"—slow, unwieldy vessels to fill the gap.

If you want to get a picture of what a 66-ship fleet can haul in cargo, look up the business publication "Barron's" for August 18, 1941. "Barron's" reports that in 1940, United carried 1,581,000 cargo tons in the Western hemisphere alone. This was almost double the 837,000 tons United carried in 1935. Bananas won't win the war.

The United Fruit Company fleet is needed to help open a second front.

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Seamen's Letter: Your Union Can Support It

Three thousand seamen—the men who risk their lives daily to keep the Allied armies fighting—have sent an urgent message to President Roosevelt calling for the immediate opening of a Second Front to smash Hitler in 1942.

The message to the President was unanimously voted upon at a membership meeting held in Manhattan Center a few days ago, the National Maritime Union announced.

Text of the letter, which was made public yesterday, follows:

The savage Nazi thrust at Kerch in Crimea, heralds the start of Hitler's spring offensive. The supreme moment of the war is at hand. This is the moment of grave danger to the United Nations and to America. It is also a moment of great opportunity.

We hold these truths to be self-evident—

If Hitler defeats the Russian armies

If Hitler should lay his hands upon the desperately needed oil of the Caucasus

That very moment the cause of the United Nations would become desperate, almost hopeless. That very moment America shall face a deadly danger.

We cannot, we must not allow this to happen. We cannot allow Hitler to become master of Europe—to join hands with the Japanese in India—to cut off China—to unleash the full fury of his military, industrial and manpower resources against England and the United States.

Only one barrier stands between us and such a dire possibility. This barrier is the valiant Red Army and the Russian people. They are fighting our fight. We must uphold them.

This can be done. Hitler can be destroyed in 1942, this very Summer!

A Second Front on the continent of Europe, locking Hitler in the jaws of a two-front war—this is the path to victory, this is the shortest road to the destruction of the whole Axis, including the Japanese war machine.

Launch a Second Front. Mr. President! Invade Europe! Strike at the heart of the Axis—Hitler Germany!

A Second Front would unite and inspire our nation, would raise production and the war effort to undreamed-of heights.

The conquered peoples of Europe are waiting for this opportunity to deal mighty blows from within against the hated Nazi invader.

The heroic peoples of Russia would be inspired to new deeds of valor on the battlefield.

The peoples of the United Nations have learned only too well the bitter lessons of this war. Time after time they have seen the tragic consequences of the policy of defensive, of "too little and too late."

The whole democratic world would applaud your leadership in a mighty offensive move for victory this year.

We, the American seamen have been unwavering in our loyalty to our country, our flag, our Government and our Commander-in-Chief. Our brothers perish daily in the oil infernos and icy waters. The American seamen will carry out their patriotic duty to the end. Yet we shall not stand condemned by history for failure to speak out while the fate of our country is at stake.

Our sweat, our lives, our sacrifices and very future are bound up with the immediate opening up of a Second Front.

On April 14, 1776 Thomas Paine, one of our founding fathers, wrote the following words:

"Tis not in the power of Europe to conquer America if she doth conquer herself by delay and timidity. The present winter is worth an age if rightly employed, but if lost or neglected, the whole continent will partake of misfortune."

These immortal words live for us today. Hitler will not conquer America if she does not conquer herself by delay and timidity. Let this summer serve to save millions of lives and years of untold suffering and war.

What Browder's Freedom Means to America

Messages of Greeting, Praise for Roosevelt's Act And Expressions of Faith in Greater Unity Pour in



They Wanted Browder Free: American seamen, constantly face to face with death as they go through the goods of war through to our Allies, were among the most active unionists in the campaign to free Browder. When the President's commutation came the crew of the 104th ship at sea had radioed a plea for clemency.

Seamen Wire FDR: People Salute You

Union's National Office Joins in Greeting Browder's Release

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fascists throughout the world hall your freedom. The American people need your outspoken voice at this time, more than at any other time in this long struggle for freedom and liberty.

"The seamen, many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice in delivering the goods to our armed forces and to those of our allies over the Seven Seas, have been in the forefront of the great battle in which our nation is involved and have been outspoken in the battle for your freedom. We greet you and welcome you back into the fighting ranks of freedom-loving Americans."

The message to President Roosevelt follows:

"Congratulations on your far-reaching decision to commute unfair sentence imposed on Earl Browder, outspoken fighter against fascism. This action will further cement the unity of all Americans in their all-out fight to maintain democracy and rid the world of fascist barbarism. The freedom-loving people all over the world salute you."



FERDINAND SMITH

Democracy's Foes Answered—Wires Union Leader

"The foes of democracy are answered. Earl Browder is free," wired Mel J. Heinritz, member of the national executive board, State, County and Municipal Workers, from Milwaukee to the Citizens Committee.

In New York, Harold Klein wired: "Congratulations upon the release of Earl Browder. We will now be better prepared to immediately open up a Western Front and beat the Axis in 1942."

Seattle Unions See Stronger National Unity

Two AFL and City CIO Council Wire Their Congratulations

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 18.—Congratulations upon release of Earl Browder were wired to President Roosevelt by the AFL Building Service Employees Union, Local 6, Nurses and Professional Employees Local 126, Hospital & Institutional Workers Local 172, AFL Ship Scalers and Seattle CIO Council.

"Congratulations on release of Earl Browder," Jess Fletcher, president of Building Service Employees Local 6, wired.

"Such action is victory for national unity and the battle for freedom."

Local 126 and 172 signed a joint telegram stating: "Release of Browder is a victory for all anti-fascists. Applaud your contribution in releasing Earl Browder to unite the people for defeat of Hitlerism."

Ship Scalers Local 580 wired: "Congratulations on release of Earl Browder. National Unity for victory immeasurably strengthened thereby. . . . This action is an example of courageous leadership which insures victory over the Axis."

Calif. Labor Hails Return to Fight

Billings, Chairman of Drive, Sees Faith in Democracy Vindicated

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—"Our national unity against the fascist powers will be increased ten-fold through this act of our truly great President." With this statement, Warren K. Billings, internationally famous labor leader and national chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, today hailed President Roosevelt's commutation of the sentence of the Communist leader.

Billings' statement was echoed through southern California by scores of telegrams being sent President Roosevelt by trade unionists, youth, fraternal and civic leaders.

One telegram, circulated at the Los Angeles CIO Industrial Union Council collected 67 signatures in less than one hour, among them that of Phillip M. Connelly, state CIO president.

"As national chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, I want to say that this is the greatest news I've heard in a long time," said Billings. "This act of clemency really proves to the people of the world that this is a truly democratic country with liberty and justice for all. Our national unity against the fascist powers will be increased ten-fold through this act of our truly great President."

FAITH IN FUTURE

"Our faith in him and in our government has never wavered for one second and we have long been convinced that he would terminate the unjust and excessive sentence given Mr. Browder. Mr. Browder will now help us build a unity of effort among our people which will make it possible for us to defeat the Axis powers in behalf of the time it might otherwise require."

"Our next job now is to establish true unity of labor—organizational unity that will make jurisdictional disputes impossible and a labor movement allied with the workers of Britain, Russia, Australia, China and South America so that production for war may be stepped up so far above the program set by our President that it will be entirely incomprehensible to the ordinary imagination."

"It will enable us to deluge Hitler with such a storm of tanks, guns, ships, planes and other equipment that he will be crushed down into the pile of filth, lies, deception and oppression from which he sprung."

"President Roosevelt has once again done that for which he shall be acclaimed truly great by all the honest people of the world."

REAL UNITY NOW

"Now we shall have real unity. Now we shall go forward to victory under the banners of a true de-

British CP Welcomes Him to Common Battle

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 18.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain today sent the following cable to Earl Browder congratulating him on his release from prison:

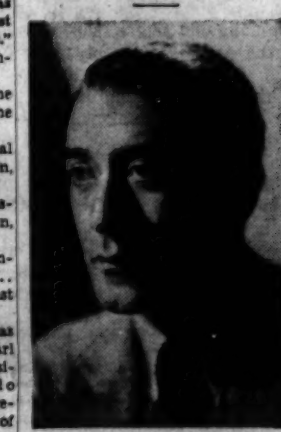
"Communist Party of Great Britain congratulates you and the American people on your release from prison to take your rightful place in the united struggle against fascism."

"Your release will give new impetus to the fight for victory over fascism this year."

"Greetings and best wishes to you all."

(Signed) "Central Committee."

Toledano Says Freedom Aids War On Axis



LOMBARDO TOLEDANO

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deputy to the Loyalist Cortes (parliament) said.

"I wholeheartedly congratulate Comrade Browder and the American workers for whom the liberation of this great leader means great strengthening in the struggle for democracy and liberty."

"All progressive men without regard to party affiliation will have to celebrate this happy occurrence as a proof of the anti-fascist loyalty of President Roosevelt and North America's firm decision to rally everything for victory," she declared.

Plain Citizens Express Their Gratitude

Among the hundreds of telegrams pouring into New York ever since the news of Earl Browder's freedom became known are scores from individual workers, many of them in defense industries. Typical of these telegrams are the following selected from the hundreds that have already come off the wire:

From Marysville, California, and signed "Carpenters and Laborers" came this:

"Thirty construction workers at Fort Beale, California's great cannonment welcome your freedom."

"The fight against Hitlerism has been strengthened."

A group of four women who sail the seas, members of the National Maritime Union in New York, wired:

"We seafaring women wish to extend to you heartfelt greetings and welcome you to your rightful place among the people. Wish you good health. (Signed) Rose Shovel, Mary Kluska, Myrtle Tuggle, Perry Riggs."

Rank and file longshoremen in Brooklyn greeted Browder's release "joyfully" and wired that his freedom would help "guarantee the opening of a western front to defeat Hitlerism in 1942." Their wire read:

"Rank and file longshoremen who know what fascism means joyfully greet you. Your freedom will strengthen the fight against the oppressor. It will help guarantee the opening of the western front to defeat Hitlerism in 1942. (Signed) Pete Mabbie, chairman, Rank and File of the International Longshoremen's Association, 278 Union St., Brooklyn."

CIO AND AFL UNIONS CHEER HIS RELEASE

Messages from All Over Country Greet President's Action

The joy of hundreds of thousands of workers in the freeing of Earl Browder is expressed in the scores of telegrams received in New York, and those sent to President Roosevelt. National unions, regional councils, local unions, as well as outstanding union leaders have sent wires.

On behalf of 800,000 workers affiliated to the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, Sam Mills, council secretary-treasurer, wired President Roosevelt:

"The commutation of the sentence of Mr. Earl Browder is welcome and cheering news for every trade unionist who has been looking to your leadership for the attainment of the greatest degree of national unity behind the war effort for the defeat of Hitlerism and Japanese militarism."

"As one of the many labor organizations which petitioned for Mr. Browder's release, we commend you for your forthright and timely action. United for victory."

Over the signatures of Costas Dritsas, president; Sam Kramberg, secretary-treasurer; William Mesovich, general organizer; and other union officers and officials, Cafeteria Employees Union Local 302, AFL, wired Earl Browder:

"Your release is a triumph of the understanding of the working class and of President Roosevelt of the necessity for national unity to win the war. Congratulations."

The same officers of Local 302 in a telegram to President Roosevelt declared:

"Your act in releasing Browder is a true expression of national unity to win the war. We pledge redoubled energy in that direction."

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 1235 sent this telegram to President Roosevelt:

"The officers and 6,800 members of our local union hail your wise and humanitarian decision to free Earl Browder. This move will surely help cement needed national unity behind the war effort under your leadership."

"Your action," they declared, "will arouse further tremendous enthusiasm for ever greater war production achievement and all-out sacrifice for victory over the Axis in 1942. Congratulations."

From Joseph P. Selly, president of the American Communications Association, CIO, went the following wire to President Roosevelt:

"Your action in freeing Earl Browder is an inspiring symbol of that national unity which will make certain and secure our victory over the fascist Axis."

"Now let's give them both barrels in an all-out offensive on the Western Front," Selly concluded. Leaders of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers in the Chicago area, wired President Roosevelt:

"We congratulate you on freeing the great anti-fascist fighter, Earl Browder. We feel this is a great victory for democracy and moves one step closer to crushing the Axis. We pledge to support you and your program for an all-out effort to crush Hitler and the Axis powers in 1942. Everything for victory."

Those who signed the telegram were: Herman Chitt, regional director; and Ishmael P. Flory and James Pinta, international representatives of the union.

From the Fourteenth Convention of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union came the following wire by Ben Gold, international president:

"On behalf of the officers and delegates to our fourteenth convention, I greet the release of Earl Browder as a courageous action by President Roosevelt that delivers a body blow to all agents of fascism and as an inspiring contribution toward unity and a solid front of the American people for victory of humanity over the evil hordes of the Axis."

"We are most confident," wired Gold, "that Earl Browder will contribute his outstanding abilities, his great anti-fascist ideas and his untiring, unwavering energy to rally the entire nation behind our Commander-in-Chief to make possible the opening of a second front in Europe for decisive victory in 1942."

Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Workers today released a letter to President Roosevelt:

"Browder's release by our President is recognized by the overwhelming majority of our people in the United States as an act of great courage and wisdom and will go far to forge the unity of all Americans for the decisive battles to destroy the military and aggressive designs of the Hitler and Hirohitos and bring freedom to the people the world over. We feel proud and happy that justice has been vindicated."

Negro Youth Sees Blow to Appeasers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 18.—"Your release from prison is . . . a defeat for the Hitlerite appeasers and therefore a contribution to our national unity and war effort," said James E. Jackson Jr., educational director of the Southern Negro Youth Congress in a wire to Earl Browder today.

His complete telegram follows: "Greetings. Your release from prison is a vindication of your sterling anti-fascist pro-democratic character, a defeat for the Hitlerite appeasers and, therefore, a contribution to our national unity and war effort."

"It is a testament of the determination of the entire people to smash all barriers of prejudice which hinder this speedy achievement of victory."

written by Arthur Osman, local president, who is now attending the union's convention in Chicago.

"We have just heard the great news that you have freed Earl Browder. Our headquarters in New York reports that our membership is overjoyed," wrote Osman.

"You have struck a powerful blow for national unity against the defeatist fifth column in our country."

"The echoes of your action will be heard by all the oppressed people in the conquered countries. They will be inspired to new and greater resistance to our fascist enemy. The people of the United Nations will reply to your action with a common and devastating attack on Hitler from every side to divide his forces and conquer him."

"We pledge to you again, Mr. President, that we will unite all our forces irrespective of race, color or creed for such a tremendous offensive, for victory in 1942."

Morris Muster, international president of the United Furniture Workers, wired to President Roosevelt:

"The nation has cause to rejoice and congratulate you upon your splendid gesture in releasing Mr. Earl Browder. The millions of citizens of these United States can do nothing else but respond with greater enthusiasm to your wise and judicious leadership."

"With democracy as our heritage and justice as our precept we will go forward to victory," said Muster. "Congratulations, Mr. President, for commuting the sentence of Earl Browder," said Harry Reich, president of the Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistant Union, Local 89, AFL, in a wire.

"Your heroic action cuts across all partisan lines and places your administration and yourself on record for real national unity."

"Millions of sincere anti-fascist fighters will be thrilled and their morale raised to higher levels."

"Your action will go down in history as one of the measures that caused the defeat of fascism and brought real lasting peace to the peoples of the world."

"We're on your side Mr. President all the way down the line to victory," said Reich.

I. Rosenberg, manager, and R. Franceschini, secretary-treasurer, Joint Council of the United Shoe Workers, in a telegram to the Citizens Committee declared:

"Browder's release by our President is recognized by the overwhelming majority of our people in the United States as an act of great courage and wisdom and will go far to forge the unity of all Americans for the decisive battles to destroy the military and aggressive designs of the Hitler and Hirohitos and bring freedom to the people the world over. We feel proud and happy that justice has been vindicated."

Milwaukee Speaks for the Midwest; Labor, Civic and Educational Leaders Greet Browder

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, May 18.—Thousands of Milwaukee citizens today hailed President Roosevelt's executive order freeing Earl Browder from the Atlanta Penitentiary as a smashing blow for national unity against the defeatists at home and renewed their call for the crushing of Hitlerism in 1942 by opening a Western Front now.

Browder's release was interpreted here as a bold move striking out against the defeatists who say it can't be done now and gave impetus to the growing movement here for victory in 1942. Browder's clear anti-fascist voice was welcomed as a powerful force in the campaign to rid the world of fascism.

Keynoting the general sentiment around Milwaukee was the statement made by Arthur W. Richter, prominent Milwaukee attorney and a leading member of the Wisconsin Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder. Mr. Richter declared:

"This is wonderful news. Now no one will have to divert any attention anywhere, and we'll be able to concentrate every bit of energy directly on the front where it counts—smashing Hitler. This is a real blow for national unity."

Other statements struck the same

popular note—that Browder's freedom not only further welds national unity but is also a clear reflection of the people's strength and of the swing to offensive action against fascism at home and abroad.

From the Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation came a statement by Thomas E. Casey, Secretary of the conference and Chief Conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors, Division 46.

"The action of President Roosevelt in releasing Earl Browder from prison will hearten all the peoples fighting for their freedom against the bestial forces of world fascism," Casey said.

COURAGEOUS ACT

"This action will be understood by everyone as a blow against the fascists at home as well as abroad. We further hope that this action indicates the taking up of the offensive against fascism on the major front—the possibility of opening up a western front in Europe to wipe out Hitlerism in 1942."

Pointing out that President Roosevelt's order "was courageous and American," W. O. Sonneman, counsel for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, here, declared "the release of Earl Browder as a political hostage of the defeatists re-

stores an effective fighter to the army of democracy."

"Very happy to hear that Earl Browder is free," declared Al Jordan, president of Local 205, Bakers Union, AFL. "His freedom will further weld all sections of American labor in the people's struggle to win a happier life, rid of a fear of Hitlerism."

Walter J. Burke, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin CIO Industrial Union Council, welcomed Browder's freedom as an opportunity "to take his place in our country's great all-out war effort and without reservation to do his utmost to bring about final victory."

Burke said he was "happy to hear that our great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, has apparently agreed with many thousands of other great Americans who, without identifying themselves with Earl Browder's political views, felt that his imprisonment for the offense alleged was unjustified."

"The release of Earl Browder is indicative of the democratic justice for which the American people have always fought and are fighting for today," declared Anthony Carpenter, former president of Local 1, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, at present Wisconsin Director

of the CIO Allied and American War Relief Campaign.

"A confirmation of the people's real fight for democracy" was the reaction of Emil Costello, International Representative of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, to the President's order.

"This news," Costello declared, "will be greeted by millions of workers from all sections of the trade union movement as an act greatly strengthening national unity in the historic struggle of the people for the defeat of Hitlerism in 1942."

GREATER UNITY

Calling attention to Earl Browder's roots in American history, Herbert Kuehne, former member of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, declared:

"I have always been opposed to people being imprisoned on technicalities."

"Earl Browder's crime, if such it can be called, was a technicality. He shouldn't have been sentenced at all. I am happy to see him re-

leased because this act shows that democracy is functioning very well in this crisis."

Walter Black, Negro organizer for the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, said "Liberty-loving Americans everywhere are rejoicing now that Earl Browder has at long last been restored to the freedom that was so unfairly taken from him, and especially is that true of American Negroes."

"This act will be a great service to national unity and Brother Browder will be able to help unite all anti-fascist forces in the fight to beat Hitler this year," declared James Dewitt, International Representative of the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, who added that Browder was his brother in the trade union movement.

Harry Virgil, organizer for the Retail and Wholesale Clerks Union, who was a delegate to the Free Browder Congress in New York, said: "As a trade unionist I am gratified to see that our President has seen fit to release the great American, Earl Browder, from jail. This release will not only strengthen the faith of trade unionists in American democracy but will surely encourage our working class brothers in the conquered countries, and especially those in Germany itself, to smash the Hitler force."

ALL the Seven Points Concern Labor

The action of the AFL Executive Council in protesting against the proposed reduction in personal income tax exemptions, is timely and to the point. The CIO's tax committee last week also protested against efforts of the House Ways and Means Committee to reject the tax proposals of the President's 7-point plan and shift the burden upon those least able to pay.

The millions of workers making \$20 a week or less are actually receiving substandard wages which only impair the nation's war effort. Such wages should be the last to be touched by income taxes—and only after all other sources have been used up.

But in protesting against the lowering of exemptions and against the proposals for a sales tax, the labor movement should recognize that the fight can be won only through throwing full weight behind the President's 7-point plan. With but a few notable exceptions, the labor movement has to date failed to give this program the backing it deserves and needs.

This fails to meet the attack not only of

reactionaries, but also of the defeatists and Fifth Columnists. The foes of the President's program are crafty enough not to oppose it as a whole. They attack it section by section, with the object of having to fight only one section of the population at a time.

If these hatchet men can kill the tax section of the President's program, they will then be in a better position to move against the wage stabilization section and put through wage FREEZING instead.

Labor should not permit itself, therefore, to be caught napping. While the foes of the President's program attempt to kill it piecemeal, labor and the rest of the general public should fight for the 7-point program as a whole and with the greatest determination.

The progress now being made in committee room against the President's tax plan—which called for taxes on high incomes and opposed a sales tax and the lowering of exemptions—should serve to arouse the labor movement to its obligation to view this fight in its broadest aspects and give the President's program full support.

SMEAR CAMPAIGN



Moscow in the Springtime--Every Citizen, Every Activity Is Mobilized for the Front

By Janet Weaver

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 18.—A plenum of the Moscow Committee of the Bolshevik Party was held in the capital this week for the purpose of discussing the tasks facing the Moscow Communists.

In a report to the conference, Scherakov summed up the results of the work of the city Party organization during the battle for Moscow and the period immediately following.

General Colonel Artemyev, commander-in-chief of the Moscow Military Region and Ilyin and Likhachev, directors of the biggest industrial enterprises of Moscow, also took part in the discussion.

The plenum emphasized that if last autumn the main task of the Party was the defense of Moscow, the task now is to give the Army all the war materials and food supplies needed to insure constant work of Moscow enterprises.

At the same time the plenum paid special attention to air and chemical defense of Moscow and took practical measures for the mobilization of the entire population of the city for the realization of Stalin's May Day Order.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Most of Moscow's big parks opened Sunday and the emphasis there too was on defense and physical culture. It has been announced that extensive work will be conducted among children. In "Children's Town" of Gorky Park, group will vie with one another in military sports games, and aspiring young snipers, scouts, sharpshooters will be able to play at war to their hearts content. Instructors and sports directors will always be on hand to direct all games and to give consultation on military subjects.

Even with the increased tempo of industrial and defense activities, Moscow's cultural life goes on normally and theatergoers have many new interesting plays in store for them in the coming months. It has been announced that in 1942 Moscow theaters will stage 37 new plays, 30 of them by Soviet playwrights and 25 of them dedicated to war and the struggle against fascism. In addition to regular theatrical performances, there are a number of reviews scheduled for the summer. On May 18, there is to be a review of Byelorussian art in which the Byelorussian theatre of opera and ballet will participate before leaving for Gorky where it will be stationed for the summer.

The review will be sponsored by the Moscow Philharmonic and will be held in the Chaikovsky Music Hall.

ART FOR THE FRONT

"Art for the Front" is to be the slogan of the review of amateur art groups which will begin on June 7, and last until Sept. 1. More than 50 groups comprising a few thousand amateur artists—workers from plants, factories, clubs—will take part in this review of one-act plays, akits, songs, dances. Judges will decide on the best groups who will be awarded certificates of honor and what is most important, will be sent to the front to perform for the Red Army.

Moscow has been having some of the same kind of weather we have been hearing about from the front in the past few days. You get up in the morning to find the sun shining and then suddenly clouds gather and before you know what is happening, it is pouring rain. Nobody here seems to mind, however, and all Muscovite who turned "farmer" overnight say it's good for their "crops." The "take a plot of land" idea has spread like wild fire here and digging in the soil has become the favorite pastime of many people.

It is an especially popular way of spending Sunday. Last Sunday, for instance, 24 organizations, about 3,000 people of the Bauman District of Moscow, spent the day working in their gardens, all of which make up a total of 175 acres of land. Many of them took their families along and a picnic lunch and made a day of it. Fresh air and sunshine, they say, and the prospect of plenty of fresh vegetables in the future.

Although such gardens are considered of primary importance now, it is not being forgotten that Muscovites are great flower lovers. On Sverdlov Square in the heart of the Capital, in the Alexander Gardens along the wall of the Kremlin and on the other squares and boulevards you can see gardeners at work digging up the soil and transplanting flowers which will add bright splashes of color to the city this summer and be thoroughly enjoyed by all the people.

MAIL FROM AMERICA

According to the evening paper, there is one millitman just outside Moscow who has taken up a new hobby—rendering mines harmless. While making the rounds of his beat, he looks for mines and to date has found and rendered harmless 700. It so happens that

this area is a favorite picnic ground of the Muscovites, but this gives an idea of what risks one might run by picnicking there.

There seem to be three popular types of advertisements in "Evening Moscow," the Capital's evening newspaper these days, two of which definitely suggest spring. One ad seen everyday is that announcing public reading of theses by scientists who are "defending their dissertation" for scientific degrees. Another is the announcement of the opening of summer resorts and the one stipulation you usually find is "preference given to families of Red Army-men at the front and workers in war industry." The third—and one that overshadows all others in number—is "Help Wanted." One day this week I counted 17 want ads in the evening paper, each one of them asking for five to 10 workers, from stenographers to garage mechanic.

Two things happened in Moscow this week which pleased Americans here. One was the arrival of several bags of mail from America. It seems that these bags containing letters, parcels and newspapers left America in the latter part of last year along with other cargo. On the way the boat was bombed by fascist planes and some of the cargo was damaged, but the sailors managed to save the pouches.

Another event was the arrival of a new shipment of medical supplies and surgical instruments sent by the Russian War Relief Committee in America and I must say it makes you feel good to know that American people are rallying to the aid of the Red Army, especially when you talk to the Russians and hear them express their gratitude for such aid.

It has been announced that these supplies have already been sent to one of the base hospitals on the Central Front and no doubt they are being used effectively by now. Another shipment of gifts from the American people is expected to arrive soon and I understand it will also include medical supplies and instruments as well as cigarettes and chocolate. Such gifts, although only a drop in the bucket compared to what the Russians really need now if they are to finish the titanic job of wiping out the Nazis this year, are tremendously important, and the American people can rest assured that everything they send will be put to good use, not only for the benefit of the Soviet Union, but of the whole democratic world.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

One thing we can't understand is how papers which support the war upon the Axis will print dispatches from Vichy filled with Goebbels' propaganda. If the editors cut out the Axis propaganda from these dispatches before printing them, they would read like this:

VICHY (Suburb of Berlin), May 19, 1942.—The announcement of the President of the United States, announced that _____ was viewed, as the _____ and the _____. It can be stated that _____ neither _____ nor _____. It can be expected that _____ in fact _____ On the other hand, _____ The real truth of the situation is that _____ or words to that effect.

Isn't it time to stop using the words "helping Russia" when what we are doing is helping save our own country? Lend-Lease to the Soviet Union might more properly be known as Lend-Lease to Ourselves by Way of Russia.

And when we talk about keeping Hitler from getting to the Caucasus, we might put it: keep Hitler out of the Caucasus-Appalachian-Rockies.

When we "help" the U.S.S.R. remember what we are really helping is the first two letters in that name.

Attempts to stir up discontent over the sugar rationing are even sweeter than sugar to Hitler.

And newspapers that squawk about gasoline rationing are usually anxious that America's war drive should not hit on all cylinders.

The Unions and The War

By William Z. Foster

17. Trade Union Unity

The question of unity of action between the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods is of national importance as a war necessity. It is imperative to secure the fullest and most effective mobilization of the workers in the total war effort of the nation; hence it is much more than in the immediate interest of the labor movement itself.

Since Pearl Harbor much progress has been made toward the achievement of labor unity. In a great number of localities joint actions have been developed between the AFL and CIO organizations around war issues. Also, the head-officials of both federations have come into closer cooperation, as indicated by the generally common line now being followed by them in the War Labor Board and in the Victory Labor Board; by their agreement to amicably settle jurisdictional disputes; by their cooperative work in national radio broadcasts; by the joint appearance of Presidents Green and Murray on the same platform in Pittsburgh, etc.

Nevertheless the progress toward trade union unity has been somewhat slow and hesitant in high trade union official circles. This puts a damper upon the great power and enthusiasm that labor would develop were joint action fully developed. In this matter the rank and file are ahead of the leadership. This was graphically illustrated a few months ago when, with AFL and CIO city bodies holding enthusiastic get-together meetings all over the country, the executive councils of both the AFL and CIO took no action until John L. Lewis stepped in and tried to wreck the whole union movement by his proposal to begin AFL-CIO negotiations for "organizational unity." Whereupon, with the help of President Roosevelt, there came the formation of the Victory Labor Board.

The tempo of developing labor's cooperation should be speeded up. What is needed is greater boldness and plainfidence. At all stages the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods should link up for war work. In every locality there should be joint labor committees, as proposed by the recent CIO national conference, which could unfold a whole program of energetic war activities. The state federations and state industrial councils of the AFL and CIO, which are now generally holding their conventions, could exchange delegates and establish joint state committees for war work. Similar action might be taken by the various national unions in the given industries. In the same spirit, it would be timely for the executive councils of the AFL and CIO to exchange at least fraternal delegates; or, better yet, to hold a joint meeting; or, still better, to call a broad CIO-AFL national conference to work out labor's win-the-war program. At the coming national conventions of the two federations, too, delegates could be exchanged and some sort of a broad all-labor war committee established.

Joint labor action carried on upon such a broad and intensive scale as this would greatly increase labor's war efforts on all fronts. It would also add to labor's prestige throughout our nation. The first and hardest steps toward labor unity have already been taken; the labor movement, animated by an eager win-the-war spirit, has broken through the factional walls developed during the big split. What remains to be done is to give real expression to the powerful unity spirit prevailing throughout all sections of the labor movement.

The present trend of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods to cooperate together in support of the war is also the most practical path to eventual full trade union unity. It is unlikely that the trade unions will again try to achieve unity by the virtually impossible route of first settling all their jurisdictional overlapping by formal conferences, as the disruptive John L. Lewis and his new cronies, W. L. Hutchison, are now urging. Such an attempt could only end in an impasse and a deepening of the split, as it did before. Far better would it be for the two groups of unions, more or less upon an acceptance of the status quo between them, to continue to develop their present cooperative relations, leaving jurisdictional disputes to be taken care of piecemeal and with their complete settlement not to be posed as a condition for national joint labor cooperation. This course could soon lead to joint conferences or even conventions of both organizations, and the establishment of other preliminary forms of organizational trade union unity.

(Next article will appear tomorrow)

The Melting Pot Boils

That enormous "I Am an American" Day meeting in Central Park Mall Sunday afternoon was a tonic to the nation.

It broke all records in size—more than 1,250,000 citizens were present. They came from every class, creed and racial derivation—they were native-born and foreign-born, Negro and white. It was the American Melting Pot boiling hot to smash the Axis.

The same national unity symbolized in the audience was vividly demonstrated on the platform where the speakers included Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, Mayor La Guardia, the naval hero, Lieutenant John D. Bulkeley, and the great American, Joe Louis. When Louis was introduced as one "itching" to get at the Axis, he replied in words that summed up the sentiment of the gathering: "He says I'm very anxious to go. We're all very anxious to go."

There can be no doubt that the American people welcome the opportunity to get out in demonstrations and meetings, as one man, and signify their support of their national government in the war effort. They want to show that jim-crow, anti-Semitism and bigotries have no place in the war program of a nation needing full unity against the Axis.

This should be the signal for many more gigantic meetings in which the people can publicly and unitedly manifest that they want Hitler smashed this year. Sometime ago President Roosevelt called for more patriotic demonstrations and parades to beat the Axis. Certainly, the demonstration Sunday afternoon shows that this is what the people want too. Patriotic displays of the flag and other evidences of our win-the-war unity ought to be a feature of the daily life of the people.

The Shipyard Agreement

The shipyards wage agreement just announced is welcomed by the country. It was jointly and collectively arrived at by the unions, the Government and the employers in a spirit of settling all questions to win the war.

It was arrived at without any interruption of vital war production, and without any effort to "freeze wages" or attack the unions.

The agreement provides for an upward adjustment of 7 per cent in wages, with higher increases for the Gulf Coast yards which have been below other sections. Throughout the negotiations, the union position for periodic adjustments was accepted.

The agreement provides that the workers shall accept their wage increases in war bonds. Labor's representatives, with win-the-war as their main goal, took this action in response to Secretary Morgenthau's appeal that labor accept voluntarily its wage increases in war bonds.

Workers in the lowest categories clearly face a different situation regarding such payments in bonds from workers with relatively higher wages. Also, in all the brackets, there remains the possibility of variations in the agreements which might provide for partial payment of increases in war bonds and partially in cash.

Collective bargaining, on the basis of an all-out determination to win the war, can solve these questions.

Stabilization of wages is not "freezing" of wages; it implies adjustments to protect health and working efficiency. This is what is implied in FDR's 7-point anti-inflation plan which should be actively supported by labor.

Letters From Our Readers

Browder's Release Blow to World Fascism

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The release of Earl Browder was not only an act of simple American justice and fair play; it is far more than that. It is a blow to world fascism and the Axis. It is a stiff right-hand uppercut to the chin of the Axis and a strong left hook to the paunch of American fascists and would-be traitors. M. C.

A Long Step Toward Victory

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The freedom of Earl Browder is a great step in the direction of smashing fascism at home and abroad. Three cheers for Roosevelt and the American people. M. E.

Keep Appeasers—On the Run

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It seems to me that Browder's release at this time is the beginning of a greater offensive against the defeatists in the country. Now for the offensive abroad—namely the opening of a second front in Europe now! We have the appeasers on the run. Let us not lose the initiative. I. F.

Sad News for Domestic Fascists

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Roosevelt's freeing of Earl Browder from prison is not only a triumph for democracy and justice; it is the greatest blow to the morale of the Axis powers which should spur their freedom-loving peoples and all under the fascist yoke in Hitler-dominated countries to rise against him. What a bitter pill for our domestic exponents of Hitlerism to swallow. H. Z.

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PREFACE

By SEYMOUR KEIDAN

You were all
living pell mell in the boundaries;
now you are assembled.

Why are you assembled and armed?
Why, people, are you in these boundaries
standing and prepared?
Why suddenly determined?

Always a past moved,
sometimes more, and sometimes less;
and some times all moved, all fought;
and from amongst you some came
and were in loneliness picked off,
and they were later examples,
or yet influenced more, and more.

The few on Wake Island, Bataan,
became the real mythology,
the present and timely myths
to retell and live, to encourage.
The great American beast
rises past the astonished Hamilton;
the great American man
rises forward to meet the great Russian;
the great mankind, great all, the great free.

No leader is lost if he stems from and presents
your interests,
and shows you yourselves;
if he can show your history.
Learn. No lost leader teaches.

Tomorrow is no fence, it is all gates,
all unlinked, all opened;
tomorrow is the smile of a tired Stevens,
tomorrow the talk of a Phillips,
tomorrow is the used energy of colonial
and immigrants fighting for the Union.

As you are assembled, in Fall or Spring,
armed and ready, and when you have already
gone forward and met the enemy,
remember you are tomorrow's yesterday,
destroying death's crooked wings,
you are life's human insurance.

Already the whole world is becoming real
already the whole world is becoming
already already already
you are registered, marked, ear-signified, recorded.

Young soldiers sent throughout the world,
meet your fellows in all the once unreal places,
the once ignored, the unfamiliar;
you shall be the reporters
returning home with the news of fellows.

CBS Opens Pan-American Network, WABC, 9:30 pm

Women's National Radio Committee Luncheon, WABC, WQXR, 1:30 P.M. WJZ, 2:15 P.M.—Fred Keating opens series, WMCA, 8 P.M.—FRA Director, Paul V. McNutt on value of Nutrition in War-time. WMCA, 9 P.M.—CBS Opens Pan-American network, WABC, 9:30 P.M.—Volunteer Youth-Land Battalion dinner, WJZ, 9:30 P.M.—DAILY WORKER NEWSCAST, GUEST SPOKER, WHOM, 9:45 P.M.

MORNING
4:45-WABC-Woman's Page of the Air
5:00-WNYC-Masterwork Hour
5:30-WQXR-Symphony
6:00-WJZ-Woman of Tomorrow
6:30-WABC-Program for Women
6:45-WABC-Reading of the Starlet Letter
7:00-WNYC-Travel Hour
7:30-WNYC-Pure Food Hour
7:45-WABC-Columbus of the Air, Lesa Berge
8:00-WNYC-Woman's Program
8:15-WQXR-Other People's Business
8:30-WABC-Health Forum
8:45-WNYC-Heavy Duty Talk for Women
9:00-WNYC-Page of Melody
9:15-WNYC-You and Your Health
9:30-WNYC-Studio
9:45-WABC-News at Noon
10:00-WABC-News at Work
10:15-WABC-Kate Smith Speaks
10:30-WABC-Luncheon Concert
10:45-WJZ-National Farm and Home Hour
11:00-WABC-Mary Margaret McBride Talks for Women
11:15-WQXR-Symphony
11:30-WNYC-Defense Program
11:45-WNYC-Town Hall Club Luncheon
12:00-WABC-Women's National Radio Committee Luncheon
12:15-WABC-You and Radio
12:30-WNYC-Metropolitan Review, Ralph Barton
12:45-WNYC-Martha Dean Talks for Women
1:00-WQXR-Concert Favorites
1:15-WNYC-Symphony
1:30-WJZ-Women's National Radio Committee Luncheon
1:45-WABC-Readers and Writers, Marvin Beaver
2:00-WNYC-War-time
2:15-WJZ-Practical Presents
2:30-WQXR-Your Request Program
2:45-WABC-Slim Farrell Sings Musical
3:00-WJZ-News and Stories of Men of the Sea
3:15-WNYC-Civilian Defense News
3:30-WJZ-Stratagem
3:45-WNYC-Midweek Concert
4:00-WJZ-Time of Your Life

Brazilian Star



Metropolitan star Bida Sayao, Brazilian lyric soprano is one of the stars heard in a special full-hour program tonight when CBS dedicates its new Network of the Americas station chain below the Rio Grande.

Wallace Helps Dedicate New S. A. Network

Vice President Henry A. Wallace is the principal speaker at a dinner to the diplomatic corps of Latin America in the United States in Washington, celebrating dedication of the Columbia Broadcasting System's Network of the Americas.

Other speakers are Senator Dr. Don Luis Quintanilla, minister plenipotentiary and counselor of the Mexican embassy, Senator Dr. Don Adrian Recinos, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Guatemala, President Juan Antonio Rios of Chile, and Alfredo Baldomir, president of Uruguay. The two latter speakers are heard from their presidential palaces.

These speeches are to be transmitted by the CBS three international transmitters to the 78 stations in the new network below the Rio Grande from 10:30 to 11:00 P.M. EWT.

This special international broadcast follows the one-hour dedicatory program.

On the earlier program preceding the banquet broadcast, Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, and President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua, head the list of government spokesmen.

The entertainment portions include Metropolitan Opera, stars Lauritz Melchior, Bida Sayao and Robert Weede, Ronald Colman, Jinx Falkenberg, Rita Hayworth, Dick Powell, Mary Martin, Edward G. Robinson, Mervyn Douglas, Juan Arvizu, Olga Cortizo, Eva Garza, El Chorro Gil, Howard Barlow, directing the Columbia Broadcasting Symphony, and the Orquesta Pan-americana CBS with Alfredo Antonini conducting.

Summer's Ahead

Alexis Smith soaks up the California sun in between "shooting" for "Constant Nymph," her next film in which Charles Boyer and Joan Fontaine are starred.

DESPERATE JOURNEY



Errol Flynn, Alan Hale and Ronald Reagan are the trio who make the "Desperate Journey" in Warner's new anti-Nazi film. It will be seen here soon.

Young Californian Writes A 'Second Front' Song

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—"Open up, open up a second front For the Joe it's the cure they all advise Can't you see Schickelgruber, little runt Scurry back to the hole where men are mice."

Thus goes the chorus of a song that is as timely as tomorrow's headlines, "Open Up a Second Front," written by Maurice Limonick, talented young Russian-born pianist-composer living in Los Angeles.

Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has promised to bring it to the attention of the national CIO office "trusting that it may prove useful for some radio program of the CIO."

And young Limonick is seeking to get an audition for the catchy little march song from radio programs and organizations locally.

Did Words, Music In Two Days
"This second front solution to the problem of beating Hitler was so close to my heart," Limonick, who was born in Odessa, explains, "that I dashed off both words and music in a couple of days."

"It seems obvious that the opening of a second front would be the means of bringing the war to a rapid and victorious conclusion, thereby saving millions of human lives."

Coming from a musical family, Limonick's brother and one of his nephews play in the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra; the other nephew is a bass player at Camp Roberts. Both boys toured South America with Leopold Stokowski's youth symphony orchestra.

"Second Front" isn't the only popular work of social meaning that Limonick has composed. It has a predecessor called "Song of Victory," which has been performed by the Los Angeles County band at Victory House celebrations to spur war bond sales in Pershing Square.

Limonick wrote two versions of "Song of Victory," one dedicated to British-Soviet-Chinese arms before America's entrance into the war, one after that latter event.

Develops As A Song Writer
A comparison of the two versions of "Victory Song" shows Limonick's growth as a writer of popular, fighting songs of the people. The language of the first version is high-flown, though dignified, starting with the words, "These are times that try the souls of men."

This tendency was pointed out to Limonick by R. Shapiro, national educational director of the IWO, who showed the song to the American People's Chorus.

While pointing out that "the piece is well-made musically," Shapiro wrote that "the music and about the country, climate and native people. And here his experience as a newspaper reporter, as a disciple of the great Arctic explorer and investigator, Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, and as an amateur anthropologist serve him well."

It is Finn's observations of the people and their civilization which most intrigues this reviewer, though there are interesting facts that also would appeal to geographers, explorers, historians, and even military strategists. But it must come as something of a shock to many people who, like this reviewer, had been colloquially ignorant about the Canadian population, to learn that there are probably no more than 6,000 Eskimos in the entire Dominion.

Asks Government Aid for People

"The human inhabitants of the Territories comprise Indians, Eskimos and whites," the author says. "The Indians, all of Athapaskan stock but split into a half-dozen tribes, are concentrated in the Mackenzie Basin, within the tree limit, numbering four thousand. The Eskimos, a littoral people with the exception of a small island group, are spread out along the coast from west of the Mackenzie Delta to Hudson Bay and on some of the Arctic Islands, numbering five thousand. There are approximately two thousand whites. . . ."

Memo

by EMCEE

The Defense Savings Staff's 10% quota campaign is being heard round the world. Abe Schacter of NBO cabled his foreign correspondents to use Treasury spot announcements in their news reports from abroad. First response was from Robert Magidoff, NBO's correspondent in the USSR: "Invest 10% salary in War Bonds" it said.

Harold J. Rome has written a popular lyrical adaptation of Prokofiev's "Tale of Peter and the Wolf." A Tin Pan Alley firm has made a swing arrangement of it and it has already been recorded and featured by Shep Fields and Guy Lombardo! Swing it, Soviets. . . .

Factory workers become film stars when the U. S. Treasury shows a film short at International Harvester's Chicago plant. The picture will push for labor's contributing 10% of salary in war bonds. . . . Louise Rainer and Dorothy Lamour are neck and neck in the race for nation's No. 1 bond salesman. Each has hit over \$4,000,000 in one-day sales efforts.

Soviet writer Benjamin Kaverin, whose "Two Captains" was published here recently by Modern Age, has been newswriting on the Leningrad front, writing war stories and a play at the same time and finishing vol. 3 of his novel in between.

A new source for gags is Uncle Sam himself. The O.E.M. has sprung a comedy department to supply jokes to newspapers, magazines, columnists, comic strips and radio. They're intended to clarify government restrictions and regulations. Keep 'em laughing over priorities!

Note to Richard Wright: What could be more popular today than a biography of Joe Louis, America's greatest athlete and the finest symbol of his people's devotion to the cause of freedom?

Michael Loring has broken up his hand. He's getting ready to join the Navy. . . . That bond-sale premiere of Warner's "Thanks Doodle Dandy" at the Hollywood May 20 will gross more than a whole year's run. Potential is \$5,747,866 with seats scaling from \$25 up to \$35,000. Several celebrities have already bought the top-priced bonds for these seats of honor.

You amateur movie-makers can help the War Dept. by sending their Special Service Branch descriptions of your films. The Army wants to know what films are available on scientific, political, military, scenic, educational or any allied subjects. They may be able to use them in Army educational projects.

Something new in radio are the documentary air programs the Library of Congress is experimenting with. Philip Cohen and Alan Lomax have been guiding field workers around the country, "listening in" via recordings to the people's talk about themselves and the war. Over 100 stations have asked for the series of six 15-minute broadcasts to be called "This Is History."

Rosalind Stands by

Rosalind Russell has been signed by RKO Radio to star in "Stand By to Die," topical story by Horace McCoy of a woman flirter (intended to be Amelia Earhart) working for the United States Government in Japanese-held islands of the Pacific. David Hempstead will produce the picture, which will start in mid-August.

Careful, Soft Shoulders

Virginia Bruce and James Ellison have been teamed in the starring roles in Twentieth Century-Fox "Careful Soft Shoulders," a spy melodrama which gives before the cameras this week May 11. Oliver H. Garrett, who wrote the screenplay, will make his debut as director on the film.

Nav Gunner O'Brien

Pat O'Brien has been signed by RKO Radio to star in three pictures which will figure in the company's 1942-1943 production schedule. First vehicle for O'Brien will be "Pay to Learn," screen adaptation of the only story ever to be published twice by the Saturday Evening Post, and scheduled for production this summer by Iain Auster. Screen adaptation now in preparation by John Twist has O'Brien in the role of a U. S. Navy gunner assigned to protect a London-bound freighter from the maraudings of submarine wolf packs.

Gentleman Jim's Lady

Alexis Smith, Warner Bros. newest star, who earned stellar rating with her performance in "The Constant Nymph," forthcoming Charles Boyer-John Fontaine film, has been assigned the principal feminine role opposite Errol Flynn in "Gentleman Jim Corbett." Robert Buckner is to produce the picture with Raoul Walsh directing.

IN ALABAMA'S ARMS



Mary Ann Mercer, singing star of NBC's "Uncle Walter's Fog" have left her heart deep down in Texas but while visiting Maxwell Field the other day the stars there certainly put her deep in the arms of Alabama.

Soviet Films Increase In Popularity Here

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The new interest with which Hollywood eyes Soviet pictures, and the nation-wide increased popularity of films from our Russian ally is the reason why Nicholas Napoli, president of Artkino Pictures, sole agents for Soviet films in the United States, has just arrived in the film capital from New York. While here, he will establish an office in Hollywood and discuss production plans with producers and major companies who are interested in re-make rights, Soviet film stories and material.

Since the Nazi attack, Russian films have enjoyed greater popularity and distribution than any other foreign films at any time in the United States. Russian films are being booked throughout the country in independent and major theater chains like RKO, Warner Brothers, Paramount and Skouras.

New Demand For Documentaries

Until now the largest number of bookings has been secured for films of a documentary nature like "Our Russian Front," "One Day in Soviet Russia" and "Defense of Moscow" because these subjects have been presented with English commentary.

"Despite the new public demand for Soviet film subjects," Mr. Napoli admitted, "the showing of Russian dialogue films with English superimposed titles has been relatively limited to 'specialized' first run theatres and neighborhood houses."

"This difficulty is being gradually overcome in England where until recently a similar situation existed. Now, with the official encouragement of the British Ministry of Information, English dubbed versions of Russian feature films are widely distributed in that country."

England Spreads USSR Films Everywhere

Among Russian films which have been or are being dubbed in England, are: "In the Rear of the Enemy," "Wings of Victory," Eisenstein's "Alexander Nevsky" and "Natalsha."

Mr. Napoli thinks that a similar plan may be worked out in Hollywood, attending the plan to the production of original Soviet scripts and the re-make of subjects already produced in the Soviet Union.

The first Soviet film being considered now for re-make is "Girl from Leningrad." Mr. Napoli stated that footage is now being assembled in New York for the preparation of an historical film on Russia, tentatively titled, "Battle for Russia." Arrangements are being made to edit and complete this film in Hollywood.

Mr. Napoli has brought to Hollywood prints of "In the Rear of the Enemy," "Guerrilla Brigade," and "Our Russian Allies." The most complete film to date of the Russian War, "Road of the Nazis Before Moscow," is also on the way.

New Films Ready For Showing Here

Other new films being prepared for American release by Artkino are "Red Tanks" and "War with the Nazis"—a compilation of dramatic sketches based on actual incidents of the current war.

Despite the war, Soviet studios are working on increased production schedules. In a report made this week at the convention of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers, Mr. Gregory Irsky, Soviet motion picture engineer now in charge of a purchasing commission in the United States, indicated that since the war began, Soviet studios have issued 15 features, 150 shorts and 100 newsreels. Eisenstein is now shooting "Ivan the Terrible." Ermier is working on "The Heroic Defense of Moscow," and Mr. Yutkevich is making "The Brave Soldier Shveik."

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Old Fighter

This old villager is one of the stoutest supporters of Chabinski's band of partisans in "Guerrilla Brigade," the Soviet film now at the Stanley.

Morgan the Pirate

Laird Cregar, now to be seen in Twentieth Century-Fox "Rings on Her Fingers," has been assigned the role of the pirate leader, Harry Morgan, in Darryl F. Zanuck's Technicolor production of "The Black Swan." Rafael Sabatini's story which stars Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara.

Film Air Cadets

The army gets star billing in Columbia's new aviation drama, "He's My Old Man," featuring O'Brien, with Glenn Ford and Evelyn Keyes.

A Rocky Springtime

Betty Grable, Carmen Miranda and Harry James and his band will head the cast of Twentieth Century-Fox "Springtime in the Rockies," which William LeBaron will produce in technicolor.

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